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RINSE CYCLE: A New Orleans man takes an improvised shower on Bourbon Street on Wednesday. With floodwaters continuing to recede, Mayor Ray Nagin is considering reopening the French Quarter and other dry parts of the city. + Feeling Ophelia: Latest storm lashes North Carolina | Page 5

Northwest, **Delta File Bankruptcy**

ATLANTA | Delta Air Lines Inc., and Northwest Airlines Corp., hobbled by high fuel costs and heavy debt and pension obligations, filed for bankruptcy protection from creditors Wednesday, becoming the third and fourth major carriers to do so since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Filing for bankruptcy protection allows Delta to pursue wage cuts for its 65,000-plus full-time employees, as well as pension and health benefits for workers and retirees, that would have been more difficult or impossible without protected status.

Northwest, the fourth-largest U.S. airline, had been in better financial shape than some of its competitors, with an extensive Asian network and cargo business, both thought to be profitable. But that changed after 9/11, the rise in fuel prices and the epidemic of SARS, a virus that spread through several Asian countries, which cut into a core Northwest business.

Both airlines said passengers would see no immediate effects from the filing. (AP)

NOISE | Squawk Around the Block A San Francisco museum's strategy to rid itself of pigeons is a nuisance for some neighbors. Four months ago, the M.H. de Young Memorial Museum began blasting recordings of a hawk's call to roust hundreds of

pigeons that have damaged the museum's walls with their droppings. Some neighbors complain the hawk's squawks can be heard from a quarter-mile away. "The public is not happy with all that squalling," said Chris Duderstadt of a residents' group. (AP) EyeOpeners | Page 2

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MMMBOP BA DUBA DOP BA DO **Donate or We Will Continue to Torment**

Raising money for Hurricane Katrina victims has generally involved appealing to generosity. But one

McSherrystown, Pa., high school is choosing instead to simply annoy students and teachers into giving, CBS News report-



A Gujarat, India, woman has temporarily married her boyfriend's brother so she can live in her lover's house until he is legally old enough to marry her, the Indian Express reported. Sneha Patel and Yash Kishan Parmar plan to get married — but males aren't allowed ed. The school is blasting Hanson's 1996 song "MMMBop" through the loudspeakers at the beginning of the school day, between classes and during lunch. Until \$3,000 is raised in donations, the music will keep playing. The song has been pumped through the school since Wednesday.

(EXPRESS) to until they are 21 years old, and Parmar's only 19. The

two wanted to live together, so they originally eloped but decided to make their live-in relationship legit (sort of) by having Patel marry Parmar's brother. The two signed a contract stipulating that they would divorce after two years and that she would be treated as his younger brother's wife. (EXPRESS)



Egging Him On

He's the egghead extrordinaire. Brian Spotts, of Colorado, relaxed Wednesday on the floor of the Centre for Contemporary Art in Melbourne, Australia, after spending 15 hours balancing 439 eggs on their ends. Spotts made the trip to attempt the new world record in egg balancing — which had stood at 420 eggs — at the Guinness Book of World Records event. The feat wasn't the only one he accomplished: Spotts also broke the record for standing a dozen eggs on end in the fastest time: 4 minutes and 2 seconds. (EXPRESS)

COINAGE

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A truck carrying tons of quarters caught fire Tuesday and spilled most of them on a Hammondville, Ala., highway, where workers used heavy equipment, shovels and buckets to scoop

up the singed coins. The driver said the truck carried 39,000 pounds of new Kansas quarters that were

worth some \$800,000, said Police Chief Michael Putnam The rear of the armored truck bound for Birmingham from

the Philadelphia mint caught fire after grease in the rear tire ignited, Putnam said, eventually destroying

> the trailor. Putnam said the coins were on metal pallets in bags that burned, spilling the quarters on the road. (AP)

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In Brief



Iva Jewel Nelms and Bee Henry Nelms Jr., the parents of Frances Newton, leave after witnessing her execution.

HUNTSVILLE. TEXAS

Woman Executed for Deaths Of Her Husband, Children

Frances Newton was executed Wednesday for the fatal shootings of her husband and two children 18 years ago, becoming the third woman, and first black woman, to be put to death in the state since executions resumed in 1982. Newton, who said she was innocent, lost a pair of appeals to the U.S. Supreme Court hours before she was put to death. (AP)

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House Bill Strengthens Penalties for Sex Offenders

Child sex offenders would be subject to stringent monitoring requirements and face new mandatory penalties under a House-passed bill that was expanded to include protections for gays and lesbians under federal hate crime law. The House voted 371-52 Wednesday in favor of the Children's Safety Act, which, among its many provisions, creates a national Web site for child sex offenders. The measure still must pass the Senate to become law. (AP)

Unanswered Queries Rile Senators

Roberts needled by Democrats, but GOP officials offer support

WASHINGTON | Supreme Court nominee John Roberts carefully picked his way through a second day of questions from the Senate Judiciary Committee on Wednesday as Republicans challenged Democrats to support his all-but-certain confirmation as the nation's 17th chief justice.

"If people can't vote for you, then I doubt that they can vote for any Republican nominee," said Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah.

Minority Democrats sounded unswayed. "We are rolling the dice with you," Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., told the 50-year-old appeals court judge, who turned aside queries about abortion, the right to die, the permissibility of torture and other issues he said may come before the court.

For the second straight day, Roberts fielded questions calmly, summoning descriptions of past



SQUARING OFF: Roberts with Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del., a chief critic, Wednesday.

cases from memory.

GOP officials say they are confident of the support of all 10 Republican members of the panel when the committee roll is called on Thursday next week, although it is possible all eight Democrats will oppose him. The full Senate may vote the following week, in time for Roberts to take his seat before the high court opens a new term on Oct. 3. DAVID ESPO (AP)

ROBERTS ON THE ISSUES

→ Eminent domain: Everybody would agree that building a road or hospital justifies the public use requirement for the exercise of eminent domain, the government's seizure of land, Roberts said. But he did not say where he stands on a controversial case out of Connecticut that related to eminent domain and private use.

→ Judicial checks and balances: The primary check on the courts is the fact that judges, while often given life tenure, have a limited task — they don't shape policy but instead interpret the law, Roberts said.

→ Revisiting precedent:
Roberts said believing a case
was wrongly decided is not
enough of a justification to revisit a precedent, but said factors
to consider include whether the
results of the precedent and the
rules it created have been consistent—or workable—and to
what extent people expect the
precedent to remain in place. (AP)

Mass. Marriage Amendment Defeated

BOSTON | The Massachusetts Legislature rejected a proposed change to the state constitution Wednesday aimed at banning gay marriage, a striking reversal that preserves the state's status as the only place in the nation where same-sex couples can wed.

A year after Massachusetts poli-

ticians appeared destined to undo a court order that has allowed thousands of same-sex couples to marry since May 17, 2004, the Legislature voted 157-39 against the proposed constitutional amendment.

It was the second time the Legislature had confronted the measure. Lawmakers were required to approve it in two consecutive sessions before the proposal could move to the statewide ballot in 2006 for a final decision by voters. The measure, which would have allowed Vermont-style civil unions, won passage by a 105-92 last year.

The proposal also was opposed by critics of gay marriage, who want to push for a more restrictive measure. (AP)



Gay marriage supporters Robyn Ochs and Kristen Steinbach cheer in Boston.

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Bacteria, Lead in La. Water

EPA says floodwaters in New Orleans have high levels of pollution

WASHINGTON | Sewage-related bacteria and lead from unknown sources are the two contaminants most evident in tests of the floodwaters in New Orleans, although high levels of hexavalent chromium, used in industrial plating, and arsenic, used in treating wood, have also been found.

"Whether it's lead paint or lead from batteries, we don't what the source is. But we know we've got a high level, and that's of concern to us," **Environmental Protection Agency** Administrator Stephen Johnson said Wednesday, revealing test results from samples taken a week ago.

Johnson said he has convened a

panel of outside experts to advise the agency on what he called "the largest national disaster that we at EPA or we believe the nation has faced."

EPA officials are taking samples daily at sites around New Orleans for biological pathogens and more than 100 chemical pollutants, including pesticides, metals and industrial chemicals.

Tests by aircraft of the city's air, which has a strong stench even from a couple hundred feet up, indicated no potential health issues. Only a few air pollutants were detected. such as methanol, a wood alcohol, isobutylene, a flammable gas, and freon, a refrigerant.

Federal agencies aren't predicting when the city will be habitable.

There have been five oil spills in the New Orleans area. Some hazardous waste railcars are believed



"It's as if all of us were already pronounced dead."

Storm victim Tony Cash on the dire conditions he and more than 20,000 others faced inside the New Orleans convention center after Katrina hit. Read their harrowing story of survival. | Today, Page Al

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to be flooded, with water at least up to the wheels, although federal rail officials say they've had no reports of leakage so far. John Heilprin (AP)

KATRINA'S AFTERMATH | THE HUNT FOR VICTIMS



SOMBER SEARCH: Police dog Jake and his handler Mike Dicharry from the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff Department search for human remains in Slidell, La., on Wednesday. Deaths in Louisiana alone climbed to 474 by Wednesday evening.

Katrina Already 10th Deadliest Disaster

Hurricane Katrina already has become the 10th deadliest natural disaster to strike this country, a tragic footnote that comes even as some of the dead are still uncounted.

So far, the official toll across five states is at 659, with New Orleans accounting for two-thirds of the dead. Those numbers, while hor-

rific, raised the possibility that earlier fears of fatalities reaching 10,000 or more might not prove true.

If casualties rose that high, it would place the devastation in New Orleans and the surrounding Gulf Coast with such disasters as the Galveston Hurricane of 1900, which killed more than 8,000, or the Johnstown Flood of 1889, which killed some 2,500 people — cataclysmic events that reshaped government policy and captured the nation's sympathy for generations.

Katrina, for now, has accounted for more deaths than the previous 10th deadliest disaster, the Labor Day Hurricane of 1935, a category 5 storm that struck the Florida Keys and killed an estimated 405 people. ROBERT TANNER (AP)

TOUGH SCRAPE: Winter drivers in Massachusetts too lazy or rushed to clear snow and ice from their cars would face fines and even jail under a bill being considered by the state Legislature. The bill seeks to reduce danger from chunks of ice that fly off cars.



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Pledge Declared Unconstitutional

Judge: "Under God" reference violates schoolchildren's rights

SAN FRANCISCO | A federal judge declared the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance in public schools unconstitutional Wednesday, a decision that could put the divisive issue on $track \ for \ another \ round \ of \ Supreme$ Court arguments.

The case was brought by the same atheist whose previous battle against the words "under God" was rejected last year by the Supreme Court on procedural grounds.

U.S. District Judge Lawrence Karlton ruled that the pledge's reference to one nation "under God" violates school children's right to be "free from a coercive requirement

Karlton said he was bound by precedent of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which in 2002 ruled in favor of Sacramento atheist Michael Newdow that the pledge is unconstitutional when recited in public schools.

The Supreme Court dismissed the case last year, saying Newdow lacked standing because he did not have custody of his elementary school daughter he sued on behalf of.

Newdow, an attorney and a medical doctor, filed an identical case on behalf of three unnamed parents and their children. Karlton said those families have the right to sue.

Newdow hopes that will make it more likely the merits of his case will be addressed by the high court. DAVID KRAVETS (AP)



ROADBLOCK: Harold Wright uses a chain saw to cut away a tree toppled by Hurricane Ophelia Wednesday in Wilmington, N.C.

Ophelia Rakes North Carolina Coast

CAROLINA BEACH, N.C. | Hurricane Ophelia lashed the North Carolina coast with high winds and heavy rains Wednesday, beginning an anticipated two-day assault that threatened serious flooding.

With the slow-moving storm expected to produce up to 15 inches of rain in places, Gov. Mike Easley told people to get out of its path.

"If you have not heeded the warning before, let me be clear right now: Ophelia is a dangerous storm," the governor said, warning of storm surges that could reach 11 feet.

As it brushed the coast, Ophelia ripped away one barrier island street and chased emergency personnel to shelter. The storm had sustained wind of 85 mph Wednesday afternoon, according to the National Hurricane Center.

Authorities expected the storm's passage across North Carolina to take some 48 hours from the start of rainfall on the southeastern coast Tuesday afternoon to the storm's anticipated exit off the Outer Banks and back into the Atlantic late Thursday. (AP)

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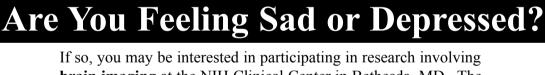
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President Bush talks with Australian Prime Minister John Howard at the U.N.

Bush Urges Crackdown On Terror

In speech to the U.N., president presses security, trade issues

UNITED NATIONS | Before skeptical and silent world leaders, President Bush on Wednesday urged compassion for the needy and pressed the global community to "put the terrorists on notice" by cracking down on any activities that could incite deadly attacks.

Bush, addressing more than 160 presidents, prime ministers and kings gathered for three days of U.N. General Assembly meetings, was seeking to sell his blueprints for spreading democracy in Iraq and elsewhere, overhauling the United Nations and expanding trade.

"The terrorists must know that wherever they go they cannot escape justice," Bush said.

Bush urged the elimination of agricultural tariffs and other barriers that he said distort trade and stunt development. The goal, he said, is to open markets for farmers around the world.

"Today I broaden the challenge by making this pledge: the United States is ready to eliminate tariffs, subsidies and other barriers to free flow of goods and services as other nations do the same," Bush said. (AP)



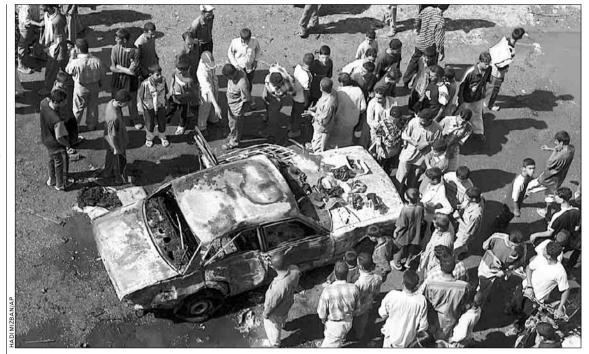
Multiple Attacks Kill 160 in Baghdad

Hundreds wounded by more than a dozen coordinated blasts

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | More than a dozen highly coordinated bombings ripped through Baghdad on Wednesday, killing at least 160 people and wounding 570 in the capital's bloodiest day since the end of major combat. Many of the victims were day laborers lured by a suicide attacker posing as an employer. Al Qaeda claimed responsibility for the attacks in the name of Sunni insurgents, saying it was a retaliation for the rout of militants at a base close to the Syrian border.

The spasm of violence terrorized the capital for more than nine hours. The first attack, at 6:30 a.m., was the deadliest: a suicide car blast which tore through the predominantly Shiite Muslim neighborhood of Kazimiyah.

In what was believed to be a new tactic, the bomber set off the explosive after calling the construction and other workers to his van and enticing them with employment, a witness said. At least 112



UNDER ATTACK: Iraqis gather at a bombing site in Baghdad after a series of attacks ripped through the city on Wednesday.

people were killed and more than 200 were wounded, according to Health Ministry officials.

Al Qaeda's leader in Iraq, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, purportedly declared "all-out war" on Shiites, Iraqi troops and the government in an audiotape posted Wednesday on an Internet site known for carrying extremist Islamic content.

The al-Zarqawi tape was a clear

attempt to sow deeper sectarian discord and scare Iraqis away from the Oct. 15 referendum on a new constitution. STEVEN R. HURST (AP)



Deadly daze: Bedlam was bubbling up in Iraq's capital Wednesday, busting through the thin surface of what passes for normal in Baghdad | **Today's Post, A Section**

Court Opens Door for Pinochet Trial

Chile's former dictator stripped of immunity in deaths of dissidents

SANTIAGO, CHILE | The Supreme Court stripped Gen. Augusto Pinochet of immunity from prosecution Wednesday, paving the way for a trial of the former dictator for his alleged role in the disappearance and killing of 15 dissidents during his 1973-90 regime.

The court voted 10-6 to strip the 89-year-old of the immunity from prosecution he enjoyed as former president and authorize his trial in the "Operation Colombo" case, Chief Justice Jose Benquis said.

That case involved the slaying of 119 dissidents whose bodies were found in neighboring Argentina in 1975, but Pinochet would face charges for only 15 victims whose



A water cannon spray disrupts a rally for missing dissidents in Chile on Wednesday.

relatives filed suit against him.

Attorneys for the relatives of the victims expressed satisfaction.

"I think the Supreme Court has given some hope to make sure that impunity will not prevail, at least in this case," attorney Hernan Quezada said. Pinochet faces dozens of lawsuits stemming from widespread human rights abuses during his regime, a time when 3,197 dissidents were slain or disappeared, according to an investigation by an independent commission appointed by the government. Eduardo Gallardo (AP)

Nigerians Begin Protests Against Fuel Price Hikes

LAGOS, NIGERIA | Police watched from open-backed trucks Wednesday as thousands of Nigerians marched in a peaceful protest against hikes in fuel prices in Africa's largest oil producer.

The rally, the first in what unions say will be a series of protests over two weeks throughout Nigeria, ended with demonstrators presenting their grievances in a petition to the Lagos governor.

The government ordered price hikes last month of up to 40 percent on fuels in an attempt to bring the subsidized prices in line with international norms.

The increases are making life harder for Nigeria's 130 million people, 70 percent of whom live on less than a dollar a day. (AP)



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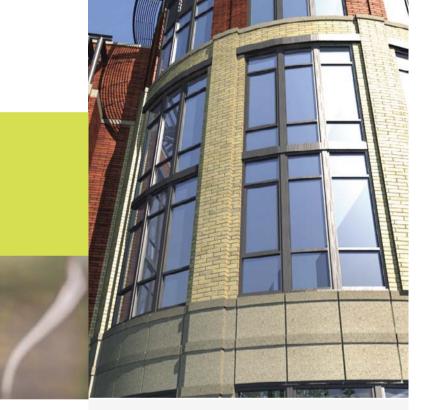
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World

North Korea's Demand for New Reactor Rejected

BEIJING | North Korea insisted Wednesday on receiving a nuclear reactor for generating power in exchange for abandoning atomic weapons development, but the main U.S. envoy at disarmament talks said Washington and its partners had no intention of meeting that demand

The talks resumed Tuesday after a five-week recess, and also include China, Japan, Russia and South Korea. The last session failed to yield an agreement.

Under the current offer on the table, the North would receive economic assistance and security guarantees from Washington along with electricity aid delivered by South Korea for dismantling its nuclear weapons program. (AP)

Merkel Aiming for Win in Germany

Conservative leader is hoping to be country's first female chancellor

BERLIN | Rising in the male-dominated beer-and-BMW politics of Germany, Angela Merkel is known less for eloquent speeches and charisma than for intellectual rigor and an unabashed quest for power that have intrigued this nation for years.

Merkel may make history Sunday, when polls in a tight election campaign predict the 51-yearold conservative may become the country's first female chancellor. The daughter of a Lutheran minister, raised in communist East Germany, Merkel is the antithesis of the spin and glamour of modern politics that her opponent



LEADING LADY: Polls predict conservative Angela Merkel, right, may be poised to defeat opponent Gerhard Schroeder for Germany's top spot in Sunday's election.

Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder navigates so well.

The reticent leader of the Christian Democrats, Merkel, a physicist, carries an air of determination and integrity that have dogged the gregarious Schroeder in his last-minute campaign rallies.

Merkel's ascent is tied less to her personal appeal and political philosophy than to Schroeder's economic failures and inability to convince ultraliberals in his Social Democratic Party to reform the welfare state. The election this weekend is viewed as a protest vote with a twist of irony: Germans seeking to

dump Schroeder for trimming social programs are likely to get a conservative politician intent on deeper cuts. Some poli-



Schroeder

ticians suggest
that the momentum has shifted and that Schroeder may have
another upset in him. The chancellor has portrayed the conservatives' flat-tax proposal as an
"inhuman" ploy to help the rich
while further hurting the country's nearly 5 million unemployed.

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MAZEL TOV: The Naval Academy has opened a synagogue giving Jewish midshipmen their own place to worship. The \$10 million Commodore Uriah P. Levy Center and Jewish Chapel was approved by the Naval Academy six years ago.



Local

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Abu Ali Pleads Not Guilty In New 9-Count Indictment

The trial of a Falls Church man charged with joining al Qaeda and plotting to assassinate President Bush will go forward next month, despite the objections of prosecutors who sought a delay. Ahmed Omar Abu Ali, 24, pleaded not guilty Wednesday to a new nine-count indictment including charges of conspiracy to assassinate the president, conspiracy to commit aircraft piracy and contributing services to al Qaeda. (AP)



Abu Ali's lawyers talk with his sister, Tasneem, far right, outside the court.

ANNAPOLIS, MD

Commission Calls for Major Changes in Public Education

A commission headed by Lt. Gov. Michael Steele issued 30 recommendations Wednesday that would make major changes in the way Maryland educates public school students, including a new system for paying teachers, a revised pension for school employees and greater use of public charter schools. Gov. Robert Ehrlich said some changes would require legislative action. (AP)

Storm Response Irks Area

Regional leaders want to reconsider disaster preparedness plans

WASHINGTON | Regional leaders are reexamining their own disaster plans after seeing what some called a "shameful" federal response to Hurricane Katrina.

Montgomery County (Md.) Executive Doug Duncan said the federal response to Hurricane Katrina makes every emergency management agency in the country inadequately prepared.

'What can we do as locals

that doesn't rely on FEMA | too much?" Duncan asked the heads of other counties and cities gathered Wednesday for a Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments meeting. "What are we going to do to make sure our sick, our elderly, our poor don't get left behind?"

COG Executive Director David Robertson said one lesson learned is not everyone has cars to flee in. "We're going to have to re-examine our evacuation plan," Robertson

Members of the regional **Emergency Preparedness Council** meet Thursday to discuss installing sirens.

Chairman Bruce Williams said that's because another lesson of Katrina is that not everyone gets information online or on the air, so low tech sirens could help alert the public in a disaster.

Several board members repeated the need for better communication between different government

COG chairwoman Judy Davis said a local group helping in New Orleans experienced communications problems firsthand. HEATHER GREENFIELD (AP)

Evacuees Seek Help From Barry

Katrina survivors ask former mayor to help them get jobs in D.C.

WASHINGTON | First they saw the television cameras surround him and then they recognized his



name. That's when evacuees from Hurricane Katrina seized the moment begging legendary former mayor Marion Barry to help them navi-

gate the bureaucracy to restart their lives

"I don't want no handouts — just a job," said one man who pushed his way through to reach Barry - who is now a D.C. Council member during a visit to the D.C. Armory Katrina shelter on Wednesday.

"Their heart says they want to go back to New Orleans, but their head says no," Barry said. BRETT ZONGKER (AP)

Leaders to Gather

In Oct. for Metro

Funding Summit

WASHINGTON | Supporters of a dedi-

cated funding source for Metro are planning a new effort to get local political officials on board.

The Metropolitan Washington

Council of Governments approved

plans Wednesday for a regional

summit on Metro funding, to be

held Oct. 3. The goal is to turn up

the heat to get a permanent funding

source for the subways and buses.

A Blue Ribbon Panel has recom-

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WARM RECEPTION: Lobbyist Michael Brown, the son of the late Commerce Secretary Ron Brown, announced his candidacy for mayor of Washington on Wednesday, greeting supporters on Benning Road. | Today in Metro

The Lotteries

Wednesday, Sept. 14

DISTRICT	
Mid-day Lucky Numbe	rs 9-2-8
Evening Lucky Number	s 7-1-5
Mid-day DC 4	1-7-8-9
Evening DC 4	3-0-6-2
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Mega Millions (Tues.) Mega Ball

Court Upholds Dismissal of Democrat

ANNAPOLIS, MD. | The Court of Appeals has reversed a lower court's order to reinstate a former employee with the Public Service Commission who claimed her firing was politically motivated.

Chrys Wilson, a Democrat, had claimed she was fired by the commission's Republican commission chairman in April 2004, not long after he was appointed and confirmed in the post.

She successfully fought her dismissal in October, was reinstated, but then fired again.

The state's highest court agreed that the first firing was unlawful because Chairman Kenneth Schisler acted alone. But the court upheld the second dismissal because a majority of the commission voted for it. (AP)

Tim Kaine: The Democratic Virginia gubernatorial candidate will take your questions about the race today at 10:45 a.m., washingtonpost.com/forum

mended the District of Columbia, Virginia and Maryland pass a sales tax increase. Since then,

Congressman Tom Davis, R-Va., has offered a bill that would provide \$1.5 billion in funds over a decade, if the local governments step up to the plate with their own

dedicated funding. (AP)

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Money

Economy Taking New Hits

Key reports starting to show Katrina's impact on retail sales, industry

WASHINGTON | Hurricane Katrina is starting to eat into the economy, leading to concern that consumers will lose confidence and curtail spending.

The government reported Wednesday that retail sales plummeted last month, even before the storm hit, as high gasoline prices iolted consumers. Also, industrial output was nearly flat, reflecting widespread shutdowns of oil platforms, refineries and chemical plants along the battered Gulf Coast

Analysts said they still believed Katrina will amount only to a temporary blow to the economy and that stronger growth will follow as rebuilding gets under way.

But they said the impact could turn out more severe if soaring energy prices cause consumers to cut back very sharply on spending elsewhere.

Industrial output posted a 0.1 percent gain in August. It would have been 0.4 percent, the Federal Reserve reported, if not for the shutdown of much energy and chemical production along the Gulf Coast at the end of August before Katrina struck.

Economists predicted the fallout would continue as the energy

industry struggles to regain its footing.

"The industrial production numbers in the next two months will look pretty awful as the full impact on the hurricane-related shutdowns show up in the data," said Nariman Behravesh, chief economist at Global Insight, a Lexington, Mass., consulting firm.

Even before Katrina, the economy was weakening, according to the report Wednesday that showed retail sales plunged by 2.1 percent in August. That was the biggest drop since a 2.9 percent decline in November 2001, right after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The August decline was twice the size economists had forecast. (AP)

Stewart Pursuing New Women's Mag

NEW YORK | Martha Stewart is in hot | pursuit of the 30-plus female.

Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Inc., Stewart's New York-based media company, is "actively researching" the prospects for launching a lifestyle magazine for women over 30, company spokeswoman Elizabeth Estroff said.

The publication, which the company plans to launch some time next year, would be the first since Stewart was released from prison in March.

Stewart

It's not clear what the magazine will be named, but The New York Post reported that the early plan is not to have Stewart's

name as part of the title.

NASDAO Stock Market

The news comes as the homemaking diva's company is polishing up the image of its founder and turning around its fortunes.

Stewart has been becoming more visible after serving time for lying to authorities about a questionable stock sale.

Stewart's new syndicated morning show called "Martha," debuted on Monday to good reviews, and a prime time show called "The Apprentice: Martha Stewart" begins airing on Sept. 21. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

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CEC Ent	31.28	-3.20	-9.3	Consulier	6.70	-2.09	-23.8		
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AldWaste	8.38	78	-8.5	PinnaclA	7.26	-1.03	-12.4		
PremGlbSv	7.90	71	-8.2	NTech	4.95	67	-11.9		
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	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK		TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO	
Prime Rate	6.50	6.50	British Pound	.5485	.5489	.5563	
Fed Funds close	3.50	3.50	Canadian Dollar	1.1804	1.1807	1.2923	
3-month	3.36	3.41	European Euro	.8147	.8152	.8158	
2-year	3.88	3.86	Japanese Yen	110.36	110.70	109.57	
LO-year	4.16	4.14	Mexican Peso	10.8150	10.7910	11.5650	
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BcoSnCH	12.71	+.08	+2.7
BkofAm	42.64	02	-9.3
BkNova g	35.60	+.13	+5.2
Citigrp	44.98	12	-6.6
DeutschBk	92.38	+.01	+3.8
JPMorgCh	34.24	+.09	-12.2
MitsuTkyo	10.32	20	+1.0
RoyalBk g	67.79	+.15	+26.9
TorDBk g	47.69	07	+14.4
UBS AG	85.27	+.53	+1.7
US Bancrp	29.63	07	-5.4
Wachovia	48.81	19	-7.2
WA Mutl	41.45	+.02	-2.0
WellsFrgo	59.19	41	-4.8



PHONE RAGE: Samir Suleiman faces discipline after the St. Louis Rams' team executive left a threatening phone message for St. Louis Post-Dispatch columnist Bernie Miklasz, who said the organization is backstabbing coach Mike Martz.

Sports

Ravens Ink Stewart as Backup **QB**

Billick won't promise Boller the starting job once his big toe heals

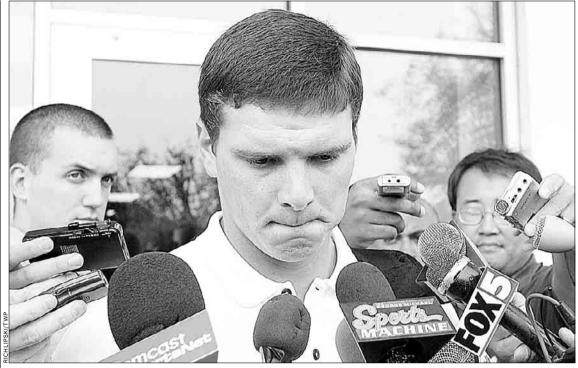
RAVENS | Kordell Stewart worked diligently to stay in shape this summer, hopeful some NFL team would give him the opportunity to extend his career.

His effort was rewarded Wednesday. The Baltimore Ravens signed Stewart to play behind Anthony Wright, who will replace an injured Kyle Boller as the starter Sunday against the Tennessee Titans.

Stewart, 32, is a perfect fit with the Ravens. The 10-year veteran served as their backup last season. "It's the logical choice," coach Brian Billick said. "Kordell was great for us last year. It's a nice comfort zone having him back."

Billick said the game plan for Tennessee won't be altered much with Wright taking the snaps instead of Boller, who hyperextended his right big toe in the opening 24-7 loss to Indianapolis.

The Ravens have a bye next week, and Billick said Boller could be ready to play against the New York Jets on Oct. 2. Whether Boller reclaims the starting job is uncertain. "Anthony Wright is our starting quarterback, and he will be our starting quarterback until circumstances change," Billick said. (AP)



CENTER OF ATTENTION: Patrick Ramsey speaks to the media Wednesday for the first time since he was benched on Monday.

Ramsey Playing for 'Pride'

Benched quarterback denies demanding a trade

REDSKINS | Patrick Ramseyno longer has a starting quarterback job, and he would appear to have no future with the Washington Redskins. But he still has his pride.

Ramsey had his first practice Wednesday since he has benched in favor of Mark Brunell, the latest and possibly last pothole in Ramsey's bumpy road under coach Joe Gibbs. Ramsey said he will find ways to keep himself motivated through the rest of the season, especially since he can't rule out that he might get another chance.

"You compete, that's the only way you go about it," Ramsey said. "You go out there and do your best. At a certain point, pride takes over. And you play for pride and play to win and you play to go somewhere in this league."

"Somewhere" is probably somewhere else. Ramsey has been demoted twice by Gibbs in barely more than one season, and first-round draft pick Jason Campbell is waiting in the wings to take over next year.

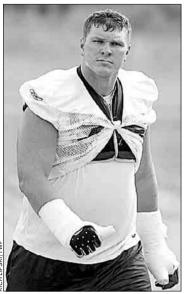
Ramsey didn't have much to say Wednesday. He reiterated that he

REDSKINS NOTES

- → Kicker Nick Novak has been told he'll start for the injured John Hall Monday
- → Defensive tackle Brandon Noble will miss four-to-six weeks after undergoing knee surgery

doesn't agree with Gibbs' decision, and denied he asked for a trade.

"What's said between Coach and I, it's between us," Ramsey said. "I haven't specifically told Coach that I want a trade. I'm a Redskin right now. I'm going to concentrate on Dallas this week." JOSEPH WHITE (AP)



Redskins tackle Jon Jansen plans to play Monday with two broken thumbs.

Jansen Receives 2 Thumbs Up

REDSKINS | Now is not the time for Jon Jansen to take up the piano. Video games are out, too, although he's never been much for those anyway. Every movie he sees gets "two thumbs up." As for hitchhiking? "It's automatic," he said with a smile.

The jokes could go on and on. These days, Jansen is all thumbs — all broken thumbs, that is. The Washington Redskins right tackle is sporting a big white cast on each arm after breaking his left thumb in a practice last week and his right one in Sunday's win over the Chicago Bears.

"I've never heard of lineman having two broken thumbs," said 42-year-old guard Ray Brown, a 20-year veteran and the oldest lineman in the league.

Trainer Bubba Tyer hasn't seen anything like it, either, and he's been with the team for a third of a century. Nevertheless, Jansen expects to play Monday night when the Redskins face the Dallas Cowboys, protecting the blindside of left-handed quarterback Mark Brunell.

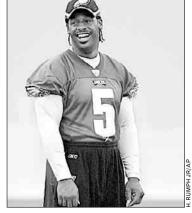
"It's a little bit cumbersome," he said as he looked down at his hands after Wednesday's practice. "But it's what I've got to deal with. It's Dallas, Monday night, so it doesn't much matter." Joseph white (AP)

In Brief

FOOTBALL

McNabb Misses Practice

Donovan McNabb didn't practice Wednesday because of a bruised chest, but the five-time Pro Bowl quarterback said he'll play in Philadelphia's home opener against San Francisco on Sunday. "Nothing will stop me from being on that field," said McNabb, who was injured in the first quarter in the Eagles' loss at Atlanta on Monday



"Nothing will stop me from being on that field," McNabb said Wednesday.

night. If McNabb can't play — he's listed as questionable — longtime backup Koy Detmer isn't a lock to start. Detmer shared reps with third-stringer Mike McMahon, and coach Andy Reid wouldn't select a potential starter. (AP)

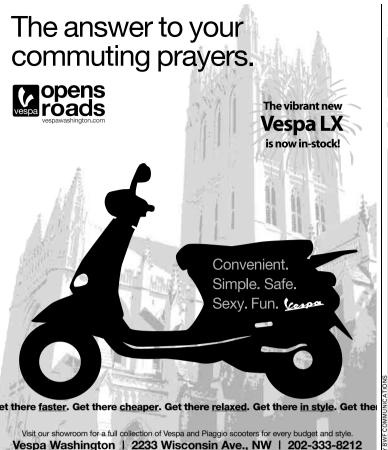
MYSTICS

Johnson: Rookie of the Year

Temeka Johnson of the Washington Mystics easily won the WNBA's Rookie of the Year award on Wednesday, earning 44 of 50 votes from a national media panel. The 5-foot-3 guard out of LSU was the sixth overall pick in the draft and started all 34 games for Washington. She was second in the league in assists per game (5.2), though her overall total of 177 was tops. (AP)

WORLD CUP BASEBALL Cubs Ousts United States

The United States was eliminated from the Baseball World Cup with an 11-3 loss to defending champion Cuba in the quarterfinals Wednesday. Yuliesky Gourriel hit a two-run homer and drove in three runs for Cuba, which has won the event 11 of the 12 times it has been held. (AP)





Sports



HE HATE ME: Ohio State tight end Ryan Hamby has received hate letters since dropping a sure touchdown pass during the Buckeyes' loss to Texas last week.



KNOCKOUT PERFORMANCE: "Contender" star Jimmy Lange is part of the first pro boxing card at GMU's Patriot Center.

From 'Contender' to GMU

Va.'s Lange fights at Patriot Center on Saturday

BOXING | Jimmy Lange's favorite boxing film, "Somebody Up There Likes Me," tells the story of Rocky Graziano, the legendary but troubled boxer who manages to shake his demons and climb his way to the top of the boxing world.

Lange (25-2-1, 17 KOs), a Great Falls, Va., native, hopes to emulate the success of the protagonist of the movie as he takes on Leesburg's Perry Ballard (17-0, 13 KOs) for the 154pound World Boxing Empire title Saturday night at George Mason University's Patriot Center.

Unlike Graziano, Lange isn't finding his boxing stride coming off a stint in jail, but rather, he's building momentum after his time on NBC's reality game show "The Contender." A favorite to win the contest, Lange was upset in episode eight but managed to rake in \$200,000, the show's third largest purse.

The 12-round fight, billed the "Battle for Virginia," pits Lange in the ring with an opponent that has a drastically different boxing style.

Even as more than 60 percent of his victories have come via knockouts, Lange isn't considered a true power boxer. Rather, he relies more on his jab, waiting for the right opportunity to land a knockout blow. Ballard, the reigning champion, often looks for the early knockout. "His big thing is his power," Lange said, "but I have as many knockouts as he does fights. I have some power myself and I think he's in for a very difficult night and not necessarily a long one."

The five-bout undercard features numerous local boxers, including junior lightweight Lamont "Bay" Pearson (21-3-1, 11 KOs) of Capital Heights and the pro debut of former George Mason student and Costa Rican national team boxer "Money" Mike Sawyer.

The fights mark the Patriot Center's first time hosting professional boxing. ERIC B. KAY

BASEBALL (I P.M. ON MASN/ESPN) Livan Hernandez can earn his 16th victory of the season when the Nationals take on Jae Seo and the New York Mets.

BASEBALL (7 P.M. ON TBS) The Atlanta Braves visit the Philadelphia Phillies, who are trying to stay in the wild-card chase. COLLEGE FOOTBALL (7:30 P.M. ON ESPN)

Can Utah, without Alex Smith and coach Urban Meyer, move to 3-0 with

WNBA (8 P.M. ON ESPN2) Game 2 of the WNBA finals between the Sacramento Monarchs and the Connecticut Sun.

Francis Calls It a Career

HOCKEY | Ron Francis, one of the NHL's career leaders in games played, goals, assists and points, announced his retirement Wednesday, ending his 23-year

Francis, 42, was a four-time all-star who played for Hartford, Pittsburgh, Carolina and Toronto. He ranks among the league's all-time leaders with 1,731 games (third), 549 goals (19th), 1,249 assists (second) and 1,798 points (fourth).

Francis said he had decided to retire months ago, but made it official as other notable players like Mark Messier, Scott Stevens and Al MacInnis left the game

"Looking back overall, it was a long ride," Francis said on Wednesday, (AP)



Alex Ovechkin: Chat with the Capitals' rookie forward at 2:30 p.m. | washingtonpost.com/liveonline **IN MEMORY:** Roger Clemens was set to pitch Wednesday to honor his mother, Bess, who died earlier in the day due to emphysema. She was 75.



Sports

O's Win Streak Is Snapped

Julio blows 3-run lead in 9th inning of a 7-6 defeat to the Rangers

ORIOLES | Kevin Mench's botched bunt attempt prompted a scolding from third base coach Steve Smith. Two pitches later, Mench gave Texas an extra-inning victory.

Mench's line-drive single in the 10th inning rallied the Rangers past Baltimore 7-6 Wednesday, ending the Orioles' four-game winning streak.

Pinch-hitter David Dellucci tied the score with a two-run homer in the ninth off Jorge Julio. Alfonso Soriano also connected for the Rangers, his 34th.

The Orioles carried a 6-3 advantage into the ninth with Julio, the



Mench singles in the game-winner.

team's former closer, on the mound trying for his first save of the season. But the Rangers tied it at 6 on pinch"Perhaps no ballpark has ever been turned into a court of public opinion to the degree RFK will be for three games next week."

Thomas Boswell on what awaits Barry Bonds here | **Today in Sports**

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hitter Hank Blalock's RBI double and Dellucci's two-run shot.

"Nobody's perfect in baseball," Julio said. "I want to help the team. I'm trying to do my job. It's been a bad year for me this year."

Julio, who had 22 saves for Baltimore last season, was on the mound because regular closer B.J. Ryan got the day off after saving the previous four games. (AP)

MLB

Through Sept. 13 games

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	RUAD
Boston	84	60	.583	_	48-22	36-38
N.Y. Yankees	81	62	.566	2.5	47-27	34-35
Toronto	72	72	.500	12	38-32	34-40
Baltimore	69	75	.479	15	34-37	35-38
Tampa Bay	60	85	.414	24.5	38-35	22-50

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Chicago	88	55	.615	_	43-31	45-24
Cleveland	83	62	.572	6	38-33	45-29
Minnesota	75	69	.521	13.5	39-32	36-37
Detroit	65	78	.455	23	34-39	31-39
Kansas City	46	96	324	41.5	27-44	19-52

WEST	W L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
L.A. Angels	81 63	.563	_	41-30	40-33
Oakland	80 64	.556	- 1	41-30	39-34
Texas	70 75	.483	11.5	39-34	31-41
Seattle	63 81	.438	18	36-38	27-43

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Atlanta	83	62	.572	_	48-24	35-38
Florida	78	67	.538	5	41-31	37-36
Philadelphia	77	68	.531	6	44-32	33-36
Washington	74	71	.510	9	40-32	34-39
N.Y. Mets	71	73	.493	11.5	41-28	30-45

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
St. Louis	93	53	.637	_	47-28	46-25
Houston	76	68	.528	16	46-26	30-42
Milwaukee	72	72	.500	20	39-32	33-40
Chicago	72	73	.4972	20.5	34-37	38-36
Cincinnati	67	77	.465	25	39-36	28-41
Pittsburgh	57	87	.396	35	28-42	29-45

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San Diego	71	73	.493	_	39-32	32-41
L.A. Dodgers	66	78	.458	5	37-36	29-42
San Fran.	66	78	.458	5	33-40	33-38
Arizona	65	80	.448	6.5	29-41	36-39
Colorado	58	86	.403	13	37-37	21-49

BASEBALL | BUCS DELAY CARDS' PARTY



SPOILERS: Pittsburgh Pirates' Mike Gonzalez celebrates with catcher Ryan Doumit after beating the St. Louis Cardinals 5-3 Wednesday. The loss kept the Cardinals' magic number to clinch the NL Central division at two games.

ESPN, MLB Sign 8-Year Contract

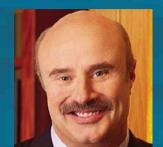
BASEBALL | ESPN will start a series of Monday night baseball broadcasts and gain greater flexibility to move games to Sunday nights under a new eight-year contract worth \$2.368 billion.

The agreement announced Wednesday, which runs through 2013, allows the network to have a team appear on its exclusive Sunday night games up to five times per season, up from 11 over a three-season span under the six-year contract that is expiring. Baseball is getting \$200 million from ESPN in the final season of its current deal. (AP)

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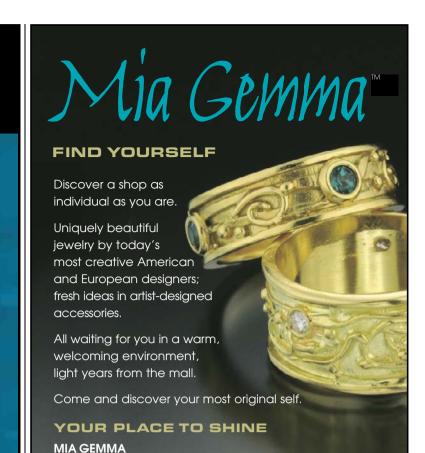
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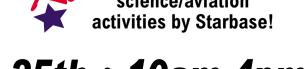
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Roughin' It Again

'Survivor' gets its IIth chance to torture willing contestants

DEBUT | "Survivor: Guatemala" (8 p.m., CBS) marks the 11th installment of the reality game. Funny, it feels like the 11th. For every Rupert Boneham there have been dozens of dullards, preening egotists and aerobicized airheads.

The show has become entirely self-referential. This became painfully obvious a few seasons back when the teams had to compete in a board game of "Survivor" trivia. Even the promotion for this



GIRL POWER: Make-up artist Brianna left her lipstick and hair dryer at home.

season's "Survivor" appears to depend on your knowledge of prior installments. How difficult will Guatemala be? According to host Jeff Probst, Palau was a "cakewalk" in comparison. What if you never watched Palau?

Will viewers who have just spent three weeks watching tragedy unfold on America's Gulf Coast really get all that upset about gameplayers contending with 120 degree temperatures? Jeff Probst promises that this "Survivor" will showcase the "dark side of some contestants" as they face heat, physical stress and hunger. I think after a few weeks of civil unrest, unattended corpses, political dithering and gasprice hikes, Americans may have had their fill of the "dark side." KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

ON TV TONIGHT

SO ... DUCK AND COVER?

PRIMETIME (9 p.m., ABC) looks at the reaction to Hurricane Katrina and the plans to cope with possible disasters, including nuclear terror, a massive California earthquake and a pandemic like the avian flu.

DITCHING THE STILETTOS

Jason Priestley narrates **GIRL RACERS** (10 p.m., Biography Channel), a fourpart series profiling some of America's most prominent female race-car drivers, including Danica Patrick, Milka Duno and Ashley Taws.

OH, QUENTIN, RESTRAIN YOURSELF A team member falls prey to a twisted kidnapper on the two-hour season finale of **csi** (9 p.m., CBS), directed by Quentin Tarantino.



HOLD ME: Seth can't take the drama.

PUNCH-DRUNK SOCIALITE Kirsten's rehab does not go smoothly on **THE 0.C.** (8 p.m., Fox).

JAILBIRD SEE, JAILBIRD DO REUNION (9 p.m., Fox) Will leaves prison, but some of his cellmates follow him on the 1987 episode. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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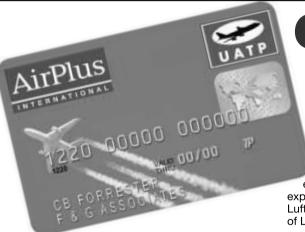
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Players of Counter Strike, a popular title in competition at the U.S. finals of the World Cyber Games last week, count their prowess in how many enemies they can shoot to pieces, or "fragment," in a frantic two-minute round of virtual gunplay.

Time and demographics, boosters say, argue for videogame tourneys becoming the next big spectator sport in the United States, where more than 108 million Americans now play computer games, according to the Yankee Group.

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"Kids in the early 1900s were playing baseball in dirt fields. Kids today are playing computer games," said Jason Lake, an Atlanta real-estate lawyer who owns two teams of pro gamers, totaling 14 players, some of whom did battle last week.

For a non-gamer, the competition at New York's Hammerstein Ballroom can't have looked too exciting: Pale young men crowded around computers on the floor as the cyberspace-based action unfolded on big-screen displays overhead, accompanied by a play-by-play announcer rattling off things like "Schwan's gonna be hiding behind a big box there, waiting for them to

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come up, and it's 7-0 for the counterterrorists on this map."

While 4,000 spectators showed up at the Hammerstein, organizers said, more than 63,000 followed the games live on the Web.

Even more significantly, more than a million people around the

world have tried to qualify for the final, to be held in Singapore in November. That's mostly a sign of the acceptance that computer gaming (or e-sports, as promoters like to call it) has gained in the rest of the world.

Just 40,000 of that million were Americans.

In South Korea, where the World Cyber Games is based, three cable channels broadcast competitive gaming around the clock and some of the country's approximately 200 professional gamers bask in rock star-like fame.

In the United States, "there are rock stars already, but the mass market doesn't know about them," said Robert Krakoff, president of Razer Group, which makes computer mice and is a major sponsor of the games, along with Intel Corp. and Samsung Electronics Co.

Krakoff, along with many in the industry, believes the United States will soon catch up to Korea because traditional advertising is losing much of its effectiveness at reaching young men. Peter svensson (AP)



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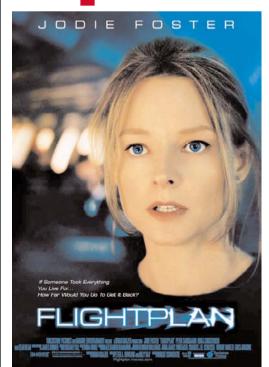
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Catch the Last Train

Travel

Historic locomotive in Md. could be making some of its last runs

Deep in the Brush Tunnel in Western Maryland, with coal smoke and steam filling the air, there is scant light in the open cab of Engine No. 734.

The locomotive's large, round pressure gauge glows dimly, flanked by two bulbs barely illuminating a pair of water meters.

But down near the floor, between the engineer and fireman, a thin ribbon of brightness outlines the firebox doors.

When fireman Ray Larson opens them to stoke the engine, shovel-



LIVING RELIC: Visitors watch Engine 734 being turned around in Frostburg, Md.

ing greasy coal into the fiery maw, passenger Joe Dent gets glimpses of the 2,500-degree flames, hot as a crematory.

The breathtaking heat, the soot and smoke — this is what Dent paid a premium to experience. The other 220 passengers on the Western Maryland Railroad sit in air-conditioned coaches, insulated from the messy cacophony up front.

But for Dent, 54, an American University archaeologist from Berkeley Springs, W.Va., the cab ride was worth every bit of his \$75 — more than three times the regular adult fare of \$22.

"I never miss a chance to experience old technology," he said. "It's sort of like life in the past lane."

Steam train buffs are rallying to save this tourist train, pulled by a 1916 Baldwin locomotive on some of its 32-mile, round-trip runs between Cumberland and Frostburg on the old Western Maryland Railway line.

A state subsidy that helped sustain it through 16 spring-throughfall seasons ends this year, raising the possibility that the railroad's private, nonprofit operator will have to find another, less costly route — or shut down altogether.

Either outcome would be a tragedy, said Steve Barry, managing editor of Railfan and Railroad Magazine. Of the 40 steam-powered tourist trains operating in the United States, he said, the Western

I never chance to experience old technology. It's sort of like life in the past lane."

> JOE DENT AN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY ARCHAEOLOGIST ON STEAM TRAINS

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Womanly curves soften sharp silhouettes

NARCISO RODRIGUEZ MAKES

architectural clothes with creative cutouts, boning and seams that keep the garments close to the body. None of that will change next spring, but at his New York Fashion Week runway show, Rodriguez showed he has a softer side, too.

An otherwise sleek black skirt suit was made of washed silk satin, giving it a slightly broken-in look, and a white layered silk voile dress with a bateau neck had a fuller shape with a gentle A-line bottom.

Some of Rodriguez's redcarpet customers, including Claire Danes and Rachel Weisz, were in the front row where they could get a close-up view Tuesday of a stunning white Swarovski crystal pearl embroidered tank with a sheer overlay. It was paired with a silk voile skirt and an ivory satin bias-cut dress with a crystal

pearl bust. Earlier Tuesday, Roland Mouret also embraced asymmetrical silhouettes. Mouret's style is similar in some ways to Rodriguez's he uses sharper edges and keeps things slimmer than most other designers — but his signature is the way he plays with proportions to emphasize a wom**OFF CENTER:** Roland Mouret used asymmetry to make a statement and draped fabrics to emphasize a woman's figure.



an's curves. Noteworthy looks included a portrait-collar short-sleeve coatdress, a navy halter chiffon top with white trim worn with a scarf-style skirt, and a two-tone blue bias-cut dress with a vertical flounce from waist to hem. A green jersey cowl dress with a dramatic back and cap sleeves was sexy though it barely showed any skin.

Monique Lhuillier's show featured mod swing jackets paired with straight skirts and white heels, and a silk white tuxedo-style cocktail dress with a ruffled halter neckline. She also showed a jade Chantilly lace pleated sheath and a satin back cowl gown in dusty rose

with a blouson top and heavily beaded straps. Celebrity stylist Phillip Bloch said these dresses are "as pretty coming

as they are going."
Fashion Week concludes Friday with a "Fashion for Relief" show to benefit victims of Hurricane Katrina. Participants will include Naomi Campbell and Lindsay Lohan.

SAMANTHA CRITCHELL (AP)

GRAND EXIT: Monique Lhuillier's creations were ultra-feminine — both coming and going.

NEW YORK -ashion

Runway

Tulips: They're for Gardens, Not Hips

BILL BLASS designer Michael Vollbracht's new collection includes a lilac paisley silk print gown with embroidered straps and a cutout bodice that flashed skin under the bustline—a departure from the label's trademark day dresses and pantsuits. Safari dresses shortened to mini-length made them modern, while a light blue swing coat moved just the right way. Tulin skirts aren't wearable. or practical, though they were true to Vollbracht's 1964-era muses Jane Fonda, Catherine Deneuve and Brigitte Bardot. (AP)

Runway



Say It With Sarafpour

BEHNAZ SARAFPOUR opened her collection with a double-faced wool dress with black trim and bows on patch pockets, an ivory dress with embossed stripes and lace around the scoop neck, and an ivory wool jacket paired with black silk evening shorts. A black eyelet leather skirt was a new way to do a classic, as was a tank top that created an animal print with beads. But lace collar worn with a cotton tank and a hammered satin ruffled skirt missed the mark. (AP)

Fashion

Shades of Fall

JOE ZEE, editor-in-chief of Vitals Man and Vitals Woman, was online Tuesday to discuss what to buy and how to wear it | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Is it considered inappropriate for men to wear white slacks after **Labor Day?**

I think white pants are very elegant on men and all those old fashion rules (i.e., no white after Labor Day) have long since been overruled. I think the thing to consider isn't whether it's after Labor Day or not but whether you are wearing the white pants to an appropriate function. They're great for the weekend or an afternoon gettogether. I would advise against it for the office.

It seems like this fall luxurious fabrics are all the rage, e.g., velvet jackets. How can you make this look work during the day?

Velvet is a huge trend for fall, but the best part is it doesn't have to look like Scarlett O'Hara's curtains. It can be modern and streamlined. The best [way] to wear it during the day is very minimally, either as a jacket over jeans or a skirt with a crisp shirt.

What do you think of cowboy boots? What's the best way to wear them?

I've always had a tendency to think that if you are not a real cowboy, you should probably stay away from cowbov boots. But that's just me. I think cowboy boots do look best with jeans, but definitely stay away from pairing it with a suit, unless of course you are going for the "Dallas"/J.R. look, circa 1982.

What are the three things a 30something man should have?

If I were to pick three things in a 30-something man's wardrobe, it would have to be 1) a great classic-cut suit 2) a good pair of worn ieans 3) a nice watch (which will be elegant and smart but also a great investment).

→ Today on Live Online

10:45 A.M.: Virginia gubernatorial candidate Timothy M. Kaine (D) discusses his bid for the state's top job.

II A.M.: The Post's Gene Wang helps you through the fantasy football season.

Bizarro | Dan Piraro

Being a cyclops is nothing to be ashamed of, dear. Plus, the bag doesn't really help.



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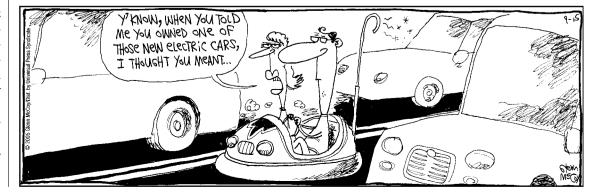
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TIMMY! I JUST THOUGHT REALLY? OF THE PERFECT PLACE TELL ME! FOR YOU! I DRIVE BY TELL ME! IT EVERY DAY! OH, GEE, I'LL GO WHY DIDN'T I THINK THERE OF THIS SOONER? RIGHT NOW!



The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Letters

A Laughing Matter, After All

THE HEADLINE FOR Hunter Thompson's suicide note (Sept. 9), I felt, was right on. This is a man who requested his ashes be fired into the sky from a cannon, alongside fireworks, during his funeral PARTY, where guests mingled with blow-up sex dolls and enjoyed champagne. Hunter would care less if you are offended (Letters, Sept. 14). He certainly would not be!

-MICHELLE O'CONNOR Deale, Md.

No Quick-Fix for Redskins

COACH JOE GIBBS' removal of Patrick Ramsey and his replacement with Mark Brunell will prove to be a watershed. Since Gibbs, the Redskins have made one mistake after another in the hopes of quick success without the hard work of rebuilding. Re-hiring Gibbs is the culmination of this quick-fix policy. The only hope for a successful team will come from Gibbs' utter failure. Only then, the Gibbs myth will be behind us and the Redskins can humbly focus on rebuilding a new dynasty, without Gibbs.

> -MARK LEDBETTER Severn. Md.

Poultry and the Pump

THIS IS IN RESPONSE to Tuesday's letter wondering why Katrina has triggered spikes in the price of gas, but the similarly affected poultry market has not undergone such fluctuation. The reason is that, while gasoline has no alternatives in the fuel market, chicken is only one of many players in the meat economy.

> -CODY PFAU Largo, Md.

ON JOHN ROBERTS I

The only way Roberts is going to lose his shot at Chief is if he says something. So the more the Senators talk (drone, really), the less chance they're giving him to slip up ..."

NINME.COM THINKS THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE SHOULD SHUT UP AND LISTEN DURING THE CONFIRMATION HEARINGS.

THE Blog LOG

IN OTHER NEWS

"Lest we forget, insurgents in Irag have not been mourning the loss of life and property in New Orleans and have continued their insurrection "

A REMINDER FROM INTENTBLOG.COM

AT THE RACES IN VIRGINIA

"The sooner Kilgore guits trying to be all things to all people to a fractured GOP, the better. Sluff off the moderates, put the collective sins of the party on Russ Potts and start tossin' rocks. I guarantee you no one will walk with him."

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BRITNEY'S BABY

"Heidi Klum must be terrified that Baby Federline may end up at the same

SPURRED BY NEWS THAT BRITNEY SPEARS HAS GIVENE BIRTH. A COMMENTER AT PEREZHILTON.COM WONDERS HOW NEW MOM HEIDI KLUM MIGHT BE FEELING

smell like a new celebrity mom! In an amazing (too amazing?) coincidence, Britney Spears'

new fragrance, "Fantasy" arrives today — less than 24 hours after her infant son! According to

britneyspears.com, it smells of "lush red lychee" and golden quince. There are even "hints of cupcakes.'

ON JOHN ROBERTS 2

ul am frightened. YOU ARE LOOKING INTO THE SCARY **EYES OF YOUR** D000M!!"

U.S. CHIEF JUSTICE NOMINEE JOHN BORERTS GIVES PRETTYCRARRY.COM HIS BEST BLOODSHOT MEDUSA STARE

THIS JUST IN

"Mandy Moore goes blond for fall. How thrilling. If only there was some Spin Doctors news to top this story."

GOLDENFIDDLE.COM DARES TO LUMP MS. MOORE WITH THE 1990S NEO-HIPPIE BAND.

Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Organization is the key to success. Don't let someone try to fool you into believing there's order in all the chaos.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) There is a possibility that a conflict will develop today between your personal life and your professional life. Stay true to your needs.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) This is a good day to embrace parts of your own past that have recently given you some trouble. You certainly don't want to hold a grudge.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may be accident-prone today. Now is no time to get yourself involved in unfamiliar, highly complicated endeavors.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may have a run-in with someone who doesn't wish to tell you what you need to know. Be warned: aggression will get vou nowhere.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) An infatuation you've been suppressing for some time may come to a head today. It's a good time to let certain secrets out of the bag.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Home affairs may prove trickier than expected today. Focus on things that bring you immediate comfort and pleasure

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Make plans to get together with loved ones whom you haven't seen in a while. Now is not the time to let family members go unnoticed or unappreciated.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Reassess your financial situation: future issues are coming to light. Planning, today, can pay off handsomely in the future.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Working for a lost cause may seem noble today, but you may be misusing your abilities. Turn to tasks that can be achieved.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You and a partner may experience a little friction today as a result of an inequitable distribution of responsibility. Be fair.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Embrace the ordinary today, for even in the most routine, mundane affairs you can find some enlightenment and excitement. Take a fresh look.

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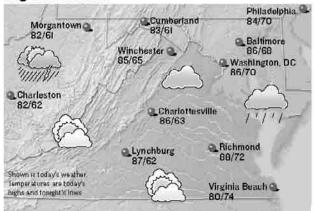


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Regional Weather



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Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Wed. Temperature

High	88
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Normal high	80
Normal low	63
Average humidity	/ 669

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Normal month to date	1.77*
Year to date	29.60"
Last year to date	29.70"
Normal year to date	28.03*
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Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, variably cloudy, humid, a shower. High 86. Wind northeast 8-16 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy, humid, a shower, breezy. Low 70.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:50 a.m.
Sunset tonight	
Moonrise today	6:15 p.m.
Moonset today	3:26 a.m.

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OVERCHARGING

Don't Even THINK About Padding His Restaurant Bill

A man who once was accused of plotting to kidnap **DAVIDLETTERMAN**'s

son was sentenced Monday to 10 years in prison for overcharging the star for painting work at his



Montana ranch. The sentence was part of a plea agreement in which prosecutors dismissed more serious charges accusing KELLY FRANK of planning to abduct the boy and his nanny for ransom. (AP)



The C-list boy band thing didn't help.

LOSERS

Nick Lachey's Endorsement Couldn't Even Save Him

JUSTIN JEFFRE, a member of boy band 98 Degrees, came in fifth among seven candidates in Tuesday's Cincinnati mayoral primary (1.7 percent). "We're going to collect our big yard signs and leave the door open," Jeffre said Wednesday. "Don't be surprised if you see JJ2k9 (Justin Jeffre 2009)." (AP)



BRITNEY BIRTHS!

BRITNEY SPEARS gave birth to a boy Wednesday, Us Weekly reported. The baby was delivered via Caesarean section at the Santa Monica UCLA Medical Center. Dad Kevin Federline has two children with Shar Jackson. US reported that the pair planned to name the baby Preston Michael Spears Federline. (AP)

DISTRACTION Forget the DUI — He **Fights With** His Dad!?

MICHAEL PHELPS is starring in

"Unfiltered," a DVD documentary that shows his life away from the pool and reveals the uneasy relationship between

Phelps and his father. Other highlights: Amanda, his prom date, speaks; Michael's dad cries; Michael eats cereal. (AP)

Michael had a DUI? We thought that was Ian Crocker ... we're so confused.

NON-ISSUES

But No One Shoots Movies in the U.S. Anymore

RUSSELL CROWE'S lawyers are working to win a reduction of the felony assault charge filed against him after he hurled a phone at a hotel staffer, an Australian magazine reported. If convicted, he could lose his right to work in the U.S. (AP)



Russell's shades are a little felonious.



'WILD STREAK' **Harry Promises More Unstable Cries for Help**

Britain's **PRINCE HARRY** will spend his 21st birthday Thursday in the sober setting of his military academy but says he has no plans to tone down his rowdy image. "I am who I am and I'm not going to change," Harry said. Speaking to journalists at his father's farm in Gloucestershire, the young prince said he has grown up some but still has a "child streak" he is in no hurry to lose. And he likes school: "I do enjoy running down a ditch full of mud, firing bullets. It's the way I am. I love it." (AP)

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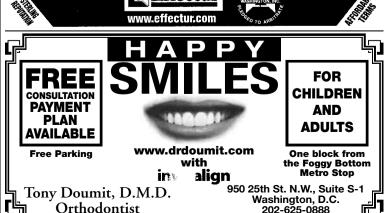
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Today in History

1821 Independence was pro-claimed for Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and FI Salvador

1857 William Howard Taft, who served as president of the United States and as U.S. chief justice, was born in Cincinnati.

Duringthe Battle of Britain 1940 in World War II, the tide turned as the Luftwaffe sustained heavy losses inflicted by the Royal Air Force.

1963 Four black girls were killed when a bomb went off during Sunday services at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala.

The TV shows "Lost 1965 in Space" and "Green Acres" premiered on CBS.

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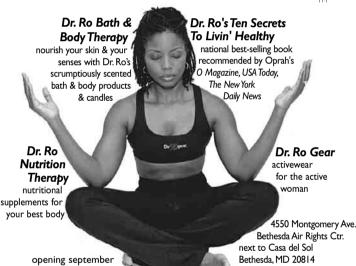
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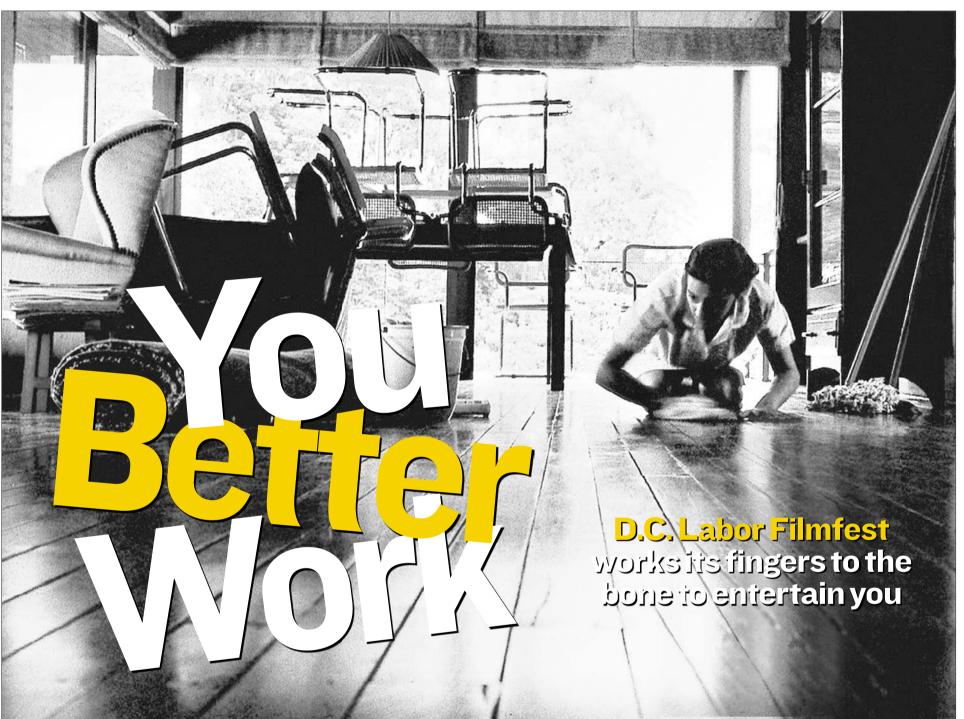




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NAME: Mick Foley GIG: Former WWE star turned author

"SCOOTER," the second novel from author Mick Foley, is a dark yet humorous coming-of-age tale set in the turbulent Bronx — and later on suburban Long Island — during the '60s and '70s. Young Scooter Reilley transitions to manhood in the care of a distant mother and a baseballobsessed father and grandfather and is forced to encounter life's lessons as they relate to the sport.

Has the praise for "Scooter" silenced critics who assumed that a wrestler couldn't possibly be a writer?

There are still some critics trying to make that point, but this novel has certainly given me more credibility.

What do your old your wrestling fans think of your new career?

As long as I don't take myself too seriously they enjoy it. I think they draw the line where I show up with a new set of front teeth.

Was becoming an author a longterm dream of yours?

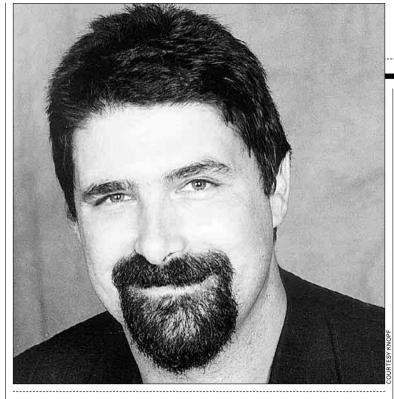
No. I was given the chance to have an autobiography written for me and I thought the ghostwriter was doing a swell job of making my life seem boring. So I started writing it myself.

So where'd you get the idea for "Scooter"?

I'm a huge baseball fan; it was a very large part of my childhood. But after my favorite player, Thurman Munson, was killed in a plane crash I took a pretty long hiatus from the

What brought you back?

Once I had kids, I wondered if I'd



be a bad father if baseball wasn't always on in the background.

Was it difficult making the text accessible to the baseball-challenged?

Any author's hope, especially when writing about sports, is that

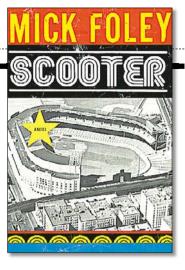
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the novel will appeal to all people. But then again we're all probably delusional.

Still. Scooter's recollection of things is quite detailed.

I really enjoyed the history. I was talking to Richard Price who grew



GRAPPLING WITH WORDS: We used to call him Mankind. Then we called him Mick. Now we'll call him Scooter.

up in the Bronx and he was shocked to learn that I didn't.

The novel seems autobiographical.

Well, my dad makes a cameo as himself and when he refers to his chubby kid, that would be me.

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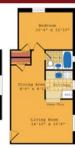
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Lutefisk for The Poet Soul

Garrison Keillor reads comforting words

PAGES | When his soothing voice wafts from the radio, we can imagine him in a cardigan and boat shoes. Garrison Keillor fills the void left by Mister Rogers for blue-state Volvo owners recovering from their meat-and-potatoes upbringing.

But these troubled times call for a stronger remedy than reports from Lake Wobegon. Like muesli for the soul, Keillor combats unwinnable wars and unthinkable natural disasters with ... poetry.

"Good Poems for Hard Times" (chamomile tea not included) is Keillor's second bestselling colleccombed the archives of his daily "Writer's Almanac" segment on NPR to find hearty nuggets of gumption from the likes of Raymond Carver, **Emily Dickinson and** Charles Simic. Now, like a soporific javelin hurled at the heart of a wonkish boar, Keillor comes to D.C. to read.

These poets' work deals with common experience without a lot of fancy lingo. For

Dobyns shares the discovery of Thelonious Monk's greatness, he spares us the awkwardness of braving a genuine jazz club — smoky, two-drink minimum, performers unendorsed by historians, actual jazz music.

At a time when President Sheen's poll ratings aren't quite up to snuff, Keillor's avuncular baritone provides a bracing counterpoint.

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YOU LOAD IG TONS AND WHAT DO YOU GET? Clockwise from top left, the ladies who labor find common ground in the break room in "Nine to Five"; a striker in crisis in Barbara Kopple's "American Dream"; one of the leads in the Brazilian film, "Maids;" and a timeless office moment in the 1961 coming-of-age story "II Posto."

Labor Par

There's fun in store at a filmfest devoted to work

FILM | Ah, the peculiar social and political world that is work — the office birthday, the canned air, the aching feet, the corporate retreat hijinks, the back-breaking grind of it, the goldbricking grind of it, the accounts payable and the endlessly mutable clock.

We spent much of our lives doing it, and the rest of the time complaining about it. But there are so many terrific movies about work out there, why not spend your leisure time looking at it?

The D.C. Labor Filmfest at AFI Silver organized and presented by the Metropolitan Washington Council of the AFL-CIO, the Jones-Douglass Institute and the American Film Institute — has brought together an eclectic array of comedies, dramas, capers, documentaries and histories that shines light on some aspects of the working world.

The festival kicks off with a timely - weirdly timely, but still — screening of "Mardi Gras: Made in China." Director David Redmon will be on hand for the D.C. premiere of this documentary that looks at globalization via the manufacture and distribution of the colorful beads made in Fuzhou, China, and their journey to Bourbon Street.

Documentarian Barbara Kopple will appear on Friday night as her Oscar-winning muckraking project "Harlan County, U.S.A.," about a coal miners' strike in Kentucky, screens. Kopple's "American Dream," about the Hormel factory strike in Minnesota, (and for which she won another Academy Award) will be shown on Saturday.

Friday night's lighter moments are reserved for the cult icon "Office Space," Mike Judge's live-action tale of slackers and drones, romance and vengeance under the fluorescent lights.

Saturday night there's a 25th anniversary benefit screening of Colin Higgins' comic classic "Nine to Five," starring Dolly Parton, Lily Tomlin and Jane Fonda. Fonda makes a live cameo as well.

Other films in this essential series include Caroline Martel's "The Phantom of the Operator," a humorous look at the history of women and telecommunication; the Italian coming-of-age drama "Il Posto (The Job)"; "Off to War," following two brothers as they leave Arkansas for Iraq; and "Maids (Domesticas)," a film by acclaimed Brazilian director Fernando Meirelles and Nando Olival about the lives, loves, travails and work of five cleaning women and the daily bus ride they share. Arion berger (express)

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BosmaDance: Present Company

Local choreographer and dancecompany head Meisha Bosma premieres a striking multi-media work this weekend, and the best part is, it's free. "Handle With Care" explores fragility, growth, burgeoning sexuality and the hard-won rewards of maturity. To this end, Bosma employs a cast of eight female dancers as well as photography and video projection and a range of music styles, and bounces the work off the image of a gift, provocative and precious.

Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage, 2700 F St., NW; Thu. & Fri., 6 p.m., free; 202-467-6700. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)



Bosma's "Handle With Care" begins with a pretty thing for a pretty girl.

New Music Salon: Surround Sound

The musical mad scientists behind the D.C. chapter of the American Composers Forum kick off their New Music Salon season with a performance by Pulsoptional. The North Carolina-based ensemble of young composers crosses genres, defies convention and creates experimental works on an eclectic array of noisemakers. Stick around for post-show snacks and meet the classical-music stars of the future.

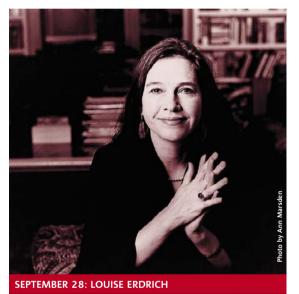
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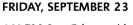
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6:30 PM: Poet and author Louise Erdrich (Turtle Mountain Chippewa) will read from her new novel. The Painted Drum.

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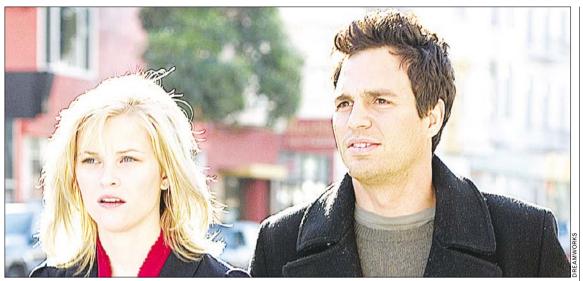
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CAUGHT BETWEEN REALMS: Witherspoon is the recently deceased, Mark Ruffalo the earthbound boy in "Just Like Heaven."

Above & Below

Reese Witherspoon finds a heaven-sent romantic comedy

LOOKING UP | Reese Witherspoon is the epitome of a modern woman striving to balance career and family. And, like a lot of working moms, she often feels overwhelmed.

"There are times when I feel I'm on a hamster wheel and I can't get off, or a speeding train and I have no idea where I'm going," said the actress.

Which is why she was inspired by the script for "Just Like Heaven" when it landed on her desk. A romantic comedy based on Marc Levy's best-selling novel, "If Only It Were True," the film reminds

people to be good to themselves and others.

Witherspoon plays Elizabeth, a hardworking emergency room doctor who is left in limbo between life and the afterlife following a car accident. Mark Ruffalo plays a grieving widower who moves into Elizabeth's now-vacant San Francisco apartment. At first, he is angered by the presence of Elizabeth's unwanted "spirit" who refuses to leave the apartment. But then the two embark on a journey to search for the truth about Elizabeth's condition and discover something that's been missing from their lives.

"It has a really great idea at its heart — it's about nurturing yourself and how important it is to nurture your spirit," she said.

Witherspoon wants to be an example to young women, yet she winces at the thought of her children seeing her movies. "I wouldn't want my kids to see me in anything," she says with a look of mock horror.

She recently wrapped "Walk the Line," portraying June Carter Cash. For the role, Witherspoon dyed her blond locks brown and learned to sing and play the autoharp as the late country & Western star did.

"Growing up in Nashville, I knew exactly who the Carter Family was," she said. Still, she had to do a tremendous amount of research and preparation for the role. Joaquin Phoenix portrays Carter's beloved husband, the late Johnny Cash. ANGELA DAWSON (VNU ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)



TACKLE THIS WEEK'S BOX-OFFICE TOP 10

The Exorcism of Emily Rose

The cast is far more interesting than the movie, but each of the performers is superb in the understated drama that tells of a fatal exorcism attempt by a rural priest. sтерней нийтея

2 The 40-Year-Old Virgin

The film belongs to that genre that traffics in narcissistic self-loathing: Men behave badly, comment selfconsciously about how bad their behavior is and continue to behave badly, ann hornaday

3 Transporter 2

The plot of this fighting, driving and shooting actioner is stupid and obvious, But lead Jason Statham, mesmerizing, dominating, fascinating. STEPHEN HUNTER

4 The Constant Gardener Fernando Meirelles has turned John Le Carre's novel into something lean, swift, disturbing and powerful. STEPHEN HUNTER

6 Red Eye

Fast, furious and tightly focused, it has the attributes of taut '50s thrillers and such intensity that you don't notice its absurdities until later. этернен нинтек

6 The Man

There have been better tough-guyand-goofball partnerships in movies, and casting isn't all it takes to make a good comedy. STEPHEN HUNTER



The power of Hollywood compels you ... to make a cheesy exorcism movie.

The Brothers Grimm

Every nook and cranny is filled; everything is studiously characterized, the whole thing thrumming with life. It looks terrific, vet it remains essentially inert, STEPHEN HUNTER

8 The Wedding Crashers

This film earns a pure, hard R for Raunch and aRrested development, to say nothing of Ruthlessness and iRresponsibility. STEPHEN HUNTER

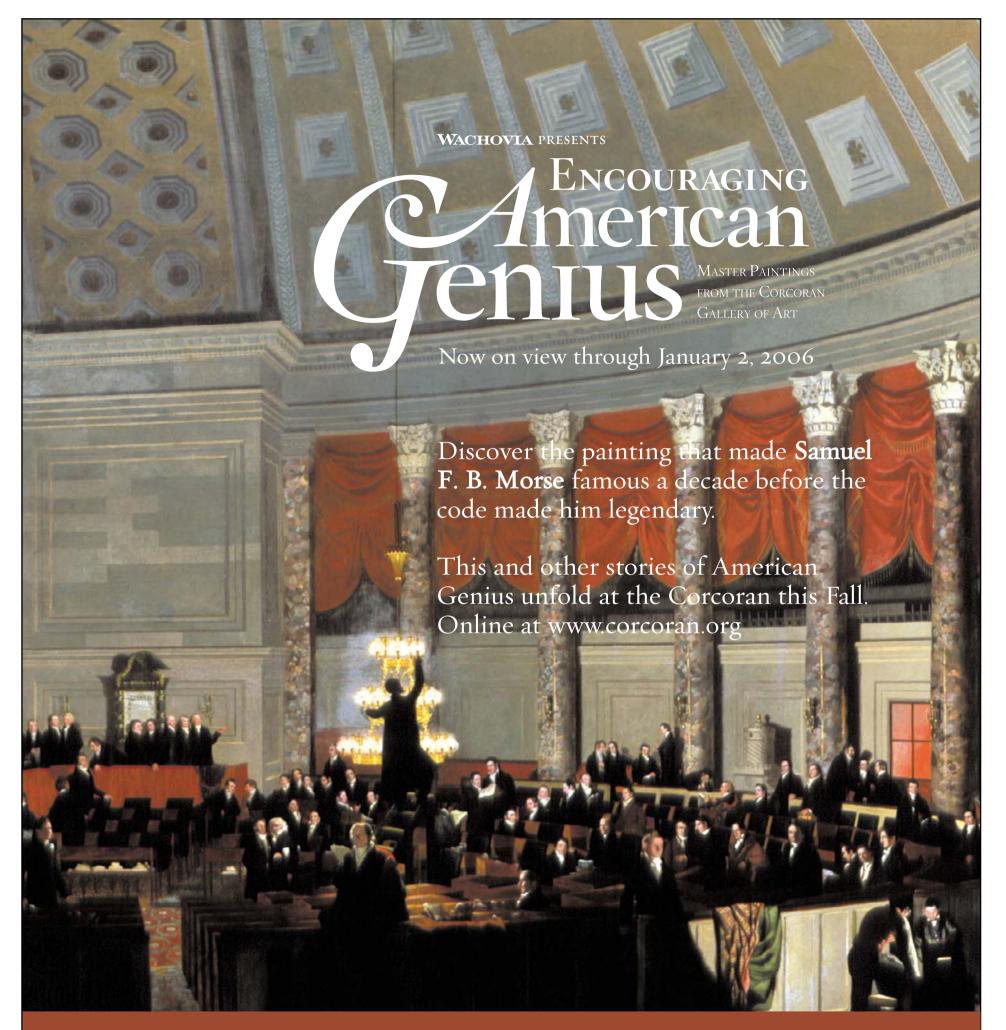
9 Four Brothers

This urban revenge melodrama is loud, stupid, unrealistic, overdone, without a thought in its ugly little head and kind of enjoyable. STEPHEN

• March of the Penguins

Following a clan of charismatic and stylish emperor penguins on a perilous journey, the filmmaker has made an absorbing, visually spectacular film. Ann hornaday

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Six-String Stars

Thelonious Monk is the guiding light for a jazz guitar festival

MUSIC | A couple of months ago, at the Montreal International Jazz Festival, Pat Metheny said the guitar was the "wildcard instrument" when it comes to jazz. He was referring to the instrument's ability to wield a vast array of sounds and its adaptability to almost any stylistic idiom.

Indeed, when you look at who's considered a jazz guitarist, you have an immensely diverse collective that includes blues-based strummers Charlie Christian and Wes Montgomery; country-inflected pickers Metheny and Bill Frisell: and high-wired axe-grinders Vernon Reid and Derek Bailev.

Whether this staggering range of sonic and stylistic possibilities presents itself at this year's Thelonious Monk Institute International Guitar Competition is to be determined. Considering that on Sunday, at the Smithsonian's Baird Auditorium, some of the 10 semifinalists will come from as far as Norway, Germany and Israel, the potential is there.

Or they all could play it safe



PLUCKY: George Benson is this year's honoree at the annual guitar competition.

and try to emulate the stylings of the competition's illustrious judges, which include George Benson, John Pizzarelli, Stanley Jordan and Russell Malone.

After the 10 competitors have been whittled down to three finalists, the event will move to the Kennedy Center's Eisenhower

Theater, where they will vie for the grand prize of \$20,000. The three finalists will also perform with a group of jazz all-stars to pay tribute to George Benson. John Murph

→ Museum of Natural History, 10th Street & Constitution Avenue NW; Sun., 1 p.m.; 202-357-3030.

When Cesar Millan whispers, even naughty mutts listen

OUT & ABOUT| Dogs come in all shapes and sizes. And apparently, with all kinds of neuroses.

That's where Cesar Millan comes in. The National Geographic Channel's "Dog Whisperer" and founder of the Dog Psychology Center in Los Angeles gives a lecture with a live dog demonstration through Smithsonian's Resident Associates on Sunday afternoon.

Don't confuse Millan with that kooky pet psychic on Animal Planet: Think of him as more of a Dr. Phil



NO BAD DOGS: Millan goes nose-tomuzzle with pooches to make nice.

for dogs. Millan has been rehabilitating dogs for 20 years.

These behavioral problems run from biting to fear of shadows. Then there are the pooches who are hell on paws, bent on disobeying their owners or snarling at other dogs.

Millan works by connecting with the dog on a physical level, allowing him to communicate with the dog and change the behavior. (Often, it is owners who need the training.)

Now, if he could only get dogs to like wearing those lampshades ... ERIN TROMPETER

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Dr. Conrad C. Labandeira.

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Dr. Alma Solis.

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WHAT A TRIP: Dungen has had its setbacks, but its freaked-out eclectica prevails.

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Psychedelic rockers **Dungen know just** how Swede it is

MUSIC | Gotta love that high-quality Scandinavian socialist-welfarestate education. From ABBA to the Hives, Swedish bands have graduated with enough English to make a stab at mainstream U.S. fame a plausible career goal.

But Dungen's having none of it. Heavy psychedelic folk-rock that harks back to the late '60s and early '70s isn't exactly a chart rocket waiting for ignition. So there's little need to translate the lyrics on "Ta Det Lugnt." Previously import-only, the band's 2004 LP has been given a domestic double-disc update just in time for a U.S. tour that arrives Sunday at the Black Cat.

Now that the indie hipsters have all become folkies, Dungen has found a warm reception, particularly among those who haven't brought themselves to banish the fuzz-pedal to the pawnshop.

Dungen master Gustav Ejstes wasn't so lucky back home. He got a song onto the soundtrack to the Scandinavian version of "The Jungle Book 2," but then things fell apart. He was dropped by his label and received a fair drubbing at the hands of a critical establishment that seems positively Cartmanian in its disdain for goddamn hippies.

Ejstes retreated to his mother's farm and, angry and stoned, set to work on his masterpiece. Even if patchouli isn't your scent of choice, "Ta Det Lugnt" could be precisely your trip. The sonic stew is punched up with period flavors from prog to sunshine pop to outjazz. And pied picker Reine Fiske could well become your new favorite guitarist.

Opening is Mia Doi Todd, a pretty-voiced but painfully serious L.A. folkie. Somehow a Yale degree hasn't kept her from writing (and really, really meaning) lines such as "I am a human being. I'm made of muscle, bone and blood." She'll put you in mind of either Joni Mitchell or getting a sandwich downstairs. Or both. GLENN DIXON

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No Child Left Unscathed

Activist journalist Jonathan Kozol on 'apartheid schooling'

PAGES | Over the past couple of weeks, the nation and the world have been exposed to just how miserably the world's richest, most powerful country fails its poorest.

Katrina isn't the only disaster to fall disproportionately on members of America's underclass.

Slower in brewing but potentially more devastating, the dissolution of the education system into separate spheres unequally serving rich and poor, white and non-white is the subject of Jonathan Kozol's latest book, "The Shame of the Nation: The Restoration of Apartheid Schooling in America." He reads from it at Politics & Prose Friday.

A former public schoolteacher in



KID STUFF: Kozol argues that the No Child Left Behind act treats children like cogs.

Boston, Kozol was fired for reading Langston Hughes to his fourthgrade class. He subsequently built a career as an advocate for children and education, penning influential works such as 1967's National Book Award-winning "Death at an Early Age: The Destruction of the Hearts Boston Public Schools" and 1991's "Savage Inequalities: Children in America's Schools."

Now it's 2005, and as a Harper's excerpt from Kozol's latest book is headlined, U.S. schools are "Still Separate, Still Unequal." Poor children get neither the facilities nor the instruction they deserve. And the No Child Left Behind Act has led to the spread of ludicrous cur-

A wise man once said, "Rarely is the question asked: Is our children learning?" Kozol has been asking similar questions for four decades. And it seems that either no, they isn't learning, or yes they is, but they is learning crap. GLENN DIXON

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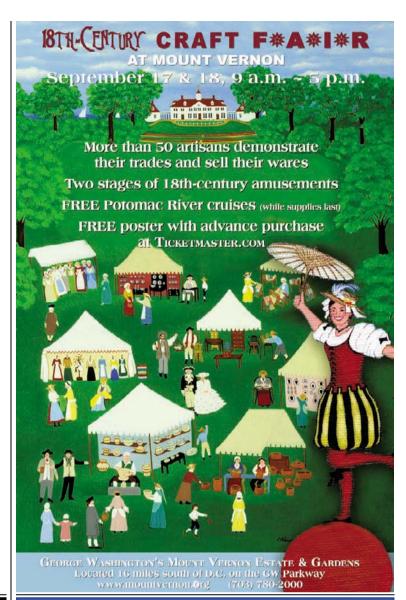
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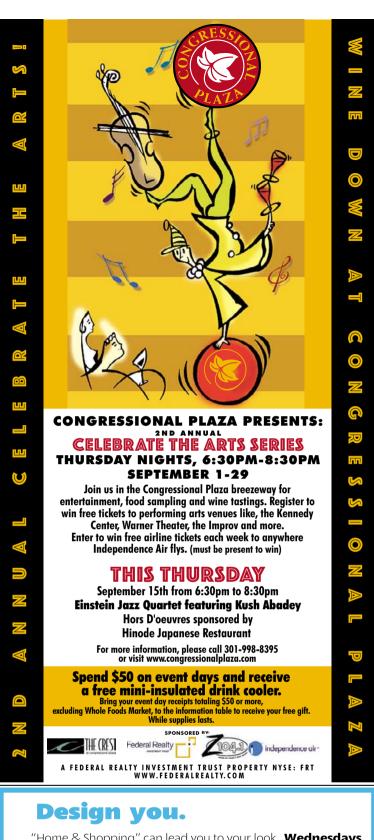
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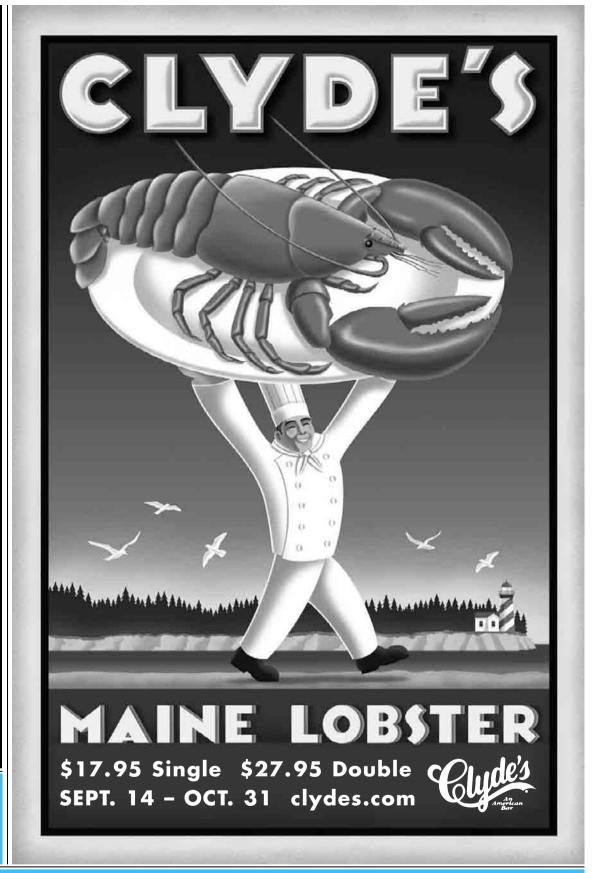




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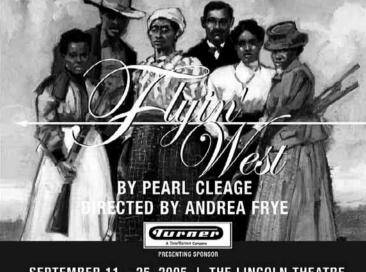
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A Winning Willow Brings **European Touch to Ballston**

Opening its doors just after Labor Day, Willow is bringing French and northern Italian cuisine to a renovated space formerly occupied by Gaffney's in Ballston. While the Fairfax Drive office towers might not reflect Willow's European-rooted cuisine, the Vienna Workshopstyled interior perhaps does. Willow is the creation of Tracy O'Grady, formerly the executive chef at Kinkead's in the District, and pastry chef Kate Jansen, co-founder of the Firehook Bakery chain. Appetizers



CHICKEN SPICE, EVERYTHING NICE: Executive Chef Vikram Garg at his tandoor oven at Indebleu, whose delights are now available to people who want lunch.

include fried fontina and prosciutto fritters with lemon crème fraîche. Entrees include hearty dishes such as mustard-crusted miniature rack of pork with smoked ham hock jus and carmelized onion tart. The \$1 million facelift by Sas Gharai and Lisa Rigazio boasts an exhibition pastry kitchen. MICHAEL GRASS (EXPRESS)

→ 4301 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Va.; 703-465-8800. (Ballston)

NEW FOR LUNCH

Aw. Mom. Ginger-Studded **Snapper Fillets Again?**

Can't get into Indebleu for dinner?

The chic Indian-French fusion restaurant's chef, Vikram Garg, is now serving lunch on weekdays. Appetizers, which run \$8-\$15, include chilled yellow tomato soup and basil aiwain rubbed shrimp on cauliflower risotto; entrees include ginger-studded snapper fillet in fenugreek tomato sauce. Better than that sandwich smushed in the bottom of your briefcase, right? K.P.K.

→ 707 G St. NW; 202-333-2538. (Gallery Place-Chinatown)

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I am supposed to meet a friend for a casual, late dinner in Silver Spring. However, it seems like even with the revitalization of downtown Silver Spring there still aren't many options in the area. Any suggestions?

Have you dropped by Jackie's yet? Or the new Ceviche?

- → Jackie's, 8081 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring; 301-565-9700.
- → Ceviche Restaurante, 921-JEllsworth Drive, Silver Spring; 301-608-0081.

I am having a tough time finding a restaurant to accommodate 35 people for a Saturday noon luncheon reception following my daughter's baptism in October. Because so many guests are from out of town, I want to minimize

driving from Falls Church. I also would like to find a place with fairly easy parking. And finally, I'd like to keep the luncheon to \$30 per person. Type of cuisine is not that important.

My first thought: the welcoming Huong Que (Four Sisters) in the Eden Center. The Vietnamese cooking is of high quality, and the staff couldn't be friendlier. Plus, it's big enough to accommodate your party.

→ Huong Que, Eden Center, 6769 Wilson Blvd., Falls Church; 703-538-6717. (East Falls Church)

I am on jury duty at Superior Court at 3rd Street and Constitution Avenue. Where can I get a good (and fairly quick) lunch in that area?

When I was summoned, I took the opportunity to revisit Andale and Cafe Atlantico, both of which fed me well — and got me back to the court house in under an hour.

- → Andale, 401 7th St. NW; 202-783-
- → Cafe Atlantico, 405 8 St. NW; 202-303-0812. (Gallery Place-Chinatown/ Archives-Navy Memorial)

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Sorry to hear that. Maybe sushi - and a little show - at the bar at Sushi-Ko will help you get over the blues. Or a plate of pasta and a friendly greeting at Al Tiramisu.

- → Sushi-Ko, 2309 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-333-4187.
- → Al Tiramisu, 2014 P St. NW; 202-467-4466. (Dupont Circle)

Washington Post Sunday Magazine columnist TOM SIETSEMA talks restaurants Wednesdays at 11 a.m. on washingtonpost.com/liveonline.

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→THURSDAY

Apex: College Night," 9 p.m, free with college ID, \$5 without.

Birchmere Music Hall: Jane Monheit, 7:30 p.m., \$35.

Black Cat: The Caribbean (CD release), Nick Butcher (backstage) 9 p.m., \$5.

Blues Alley: Regina Belle, 8 & 10 p.m., \$35.

DC9: Big Yawn presents Peelander Z, Bang!
Bang!, Kung-Fu Dykes, 9:30 p.m., \$10.

Five: Latin Party, 8 p.m., \$5.

Improv: Todd Barry, 8:30 p.m., \$15. Iota Club & Café: Ben Jelen, Rivival, 9 p.m., \$12.

Jammin' Java: Pierre Bensusan, 8 p.m.,

Jaxx: Jon Oliva's Pain, Beyond Fear, Chris Caffery "Faces," Circle of Nero, 6 p.m., \$30. Nation: Alchemy (dance industrial), 9 p.m.

Recher Theatre: Carbon Leaf, Stephen Kellogg & the Sixers, 8 p.m., \$15.

State Theater: Easy Star Allstars (performing Dub Side of the Moon), Dub is a Weapon, 7 p.m., \$15.

Velvet Lounge: Running With Scissors, Enemy of Three, Hot Young Tang, Evil Queens, 9 p.m., \$6.

Warehouse Next Door: Octis, The Mass, So I Had To Shoot Him, Child Abuse, 8:30 p.m., \$5-9.

Zanzibar: International Oldies Night, 7 p.m., free.

→ FRIDAY

Apex: DJ Melissa, 9 p.m., \$8.

Asylum: Operation Ceasefire Benefit featuring Son of Nun, Tradition Dies Here, Supreme Commander, IO p.m., \$5.

Birchmere Music Hall: The Iguanas, 7:30 p.m., \$19.50.

Black Cat: I2th anniversary party: Citygoats, Looters DC, Les Trois Malheures, Humanzee, Eyes of the Killer Robot, Sentai, Facemat, The Caution Curves, more, 9:30 p.m., \$8. '80s Dance Party, DJs Steve EP and Mellie Mel, 9:30 p.m., \$5 (backstage).

Blues Alley: Regina Belle, 8 & 10 p.m., \$35.

Club Amazon: Rare Essence, I0 p.m., \$10.

Crossroads: Peter Humphries and the Oasis Band 5 p.m., free before 8 p.m.

DC9: "Liberation Dance Party," 9:30 p.m., \$5.

Five: DJ Colette, Reid Speed, J. Philip, 9 p.m., \$10.

Fur: Ladies Night, IO p.m., free before II p.m. Improv: Todd Barry, 8 & IO:30 p.m., \$17. Iota Club & Café: Dress Bessy, 9:30 p.m., \$12.

Jammin' Java: Ferron, 7:30 p.m., \$15. The Misadventure, 9:30 p.m., \$8.

Jaxx: Therion, Brave, Todesbonden, Guillotine, 7 p.m., \$25.

Nation: Pendulum, Illy Emcee, 9 p.m.

National Museum of American History: Daniel Valdez & Conjunto Aztlan kick off Hispanic Heritage Month with songs of the Chicano movement, 7 p.m., free.

9:30 Club: BoDeans, Shannon McNally, 8 p.m., \$25.

Platinum: Plush Fridays, 9 p.m., ladies free until midnight, \$10-\$15.

Recher Theatre: The Bridge, True Groove, 8 p.m., \$10-13.

Republic Gardens: Urban Nites, 6 p.m., free before IO n m

State Theatre: Welbilt, Plunge, The Speaks, 7 p.m., \$8-10.

Velvet Lounge: Back to Blonde, Dance Party, Hotel Yes, Dropsonic, IO p.m., \$8.

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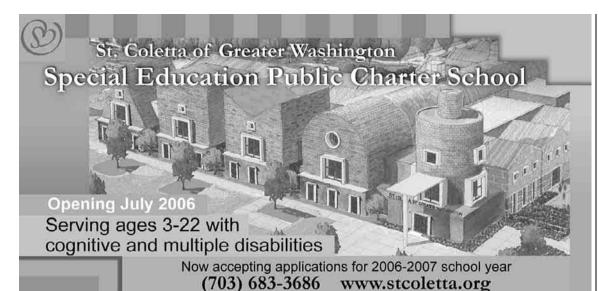
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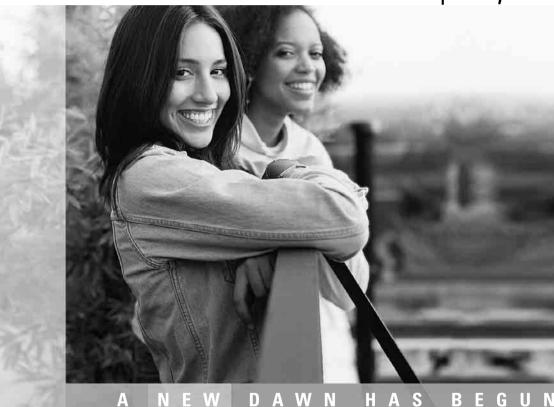
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→ SATURDAY

Apex: "Liquid Ladies," 9 p.m., \$8. Birchmere Music Hall: Schooner Fare, 7:30 p.m., \$27.50.

Black Cat: Rasputina, Crooked Fingers Solo, Tarantual AD, 9:30 p.m., \$13 (mainstage). Right Round: '80s alt-pop dance, 9:30 p.m., \$6 (backstage).

Blues Alley: Regina Belle, 8 & 10 p.m., \$35. Club Amazon: Lissen, IO p.m., \$10.

Crossroads: "Energy," music by DJ Super Slice, Zone One, Jet Li. & Bobby's Music Machine, IO p.m., \$15.

DC9: The Hidden Hand, Wooly Mammoth, RPG, DJs Infineight & Sexy Fitsum, 9:30

Five: DJ Hippe-E, Luis Baro, Taha, 9 p.m.,

Fur: George Acosta, IO p.m., \$20. Galaxy Hut: Templo Diez, Jon Crocker, 9:45 p.m., free.

Improv: Todd Barry, 8 & 10:30 p.m., \$17. Iota Club & Café: Honky (with ex-Butthole Surfer J.D. Pinkus), 3 p.m., \$10. Quitter U.K., Anthony Fiacco and the Echoes, 9:30 p.m., \$10.

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New & Different:

Richard Harrington guides jaded music fans beyond pop, ruck and country, to D.C.'s experimental side. | Cover

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Black Cat: 1811 14th St. NW; 202-667-7960. Blues Alley: 1073 Wisconsin Ave. NW;

Club Amazon: 13501 Baltimore Ave., Laurel. Md.: 30I-2IO-3466.

Crossroads: 4103 Baltimore Ave., Bladensburg, Md.; 301-927-1056.

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Staccato: 2006 18th St. NW: 202-232 --

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U-Turn: II & U Streets NW; 202-299-9882. Velvet Lounge: 915 U St. NW; 202-462-

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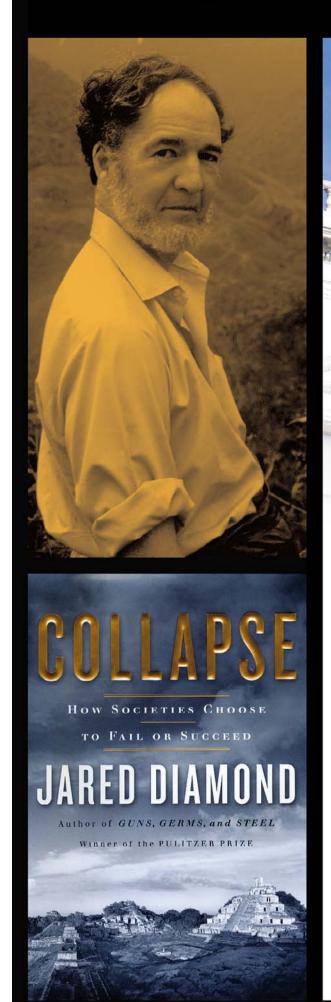
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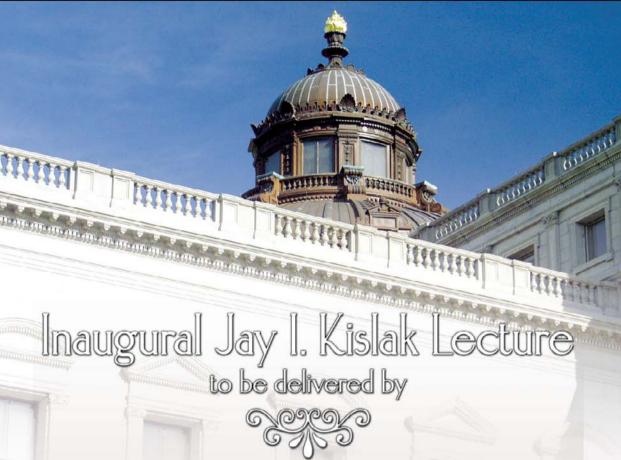
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Jammin' Java: Lori McKenna, Jorane, 7 p.m., \$15. Brindley Brothers, Cole Guerra, 9:30 p.m., \$10.

Jaxx: Krokus, Bucket, Maddax, Black Widow USA, 7 p.m., \$25

Nation: Velvet, DJ Yiannis, Wess, IO p.m.,

Platinum: Beautiful Saturdays with DJ Gemini, 9 p.m., \$10-\$15.

Republic Gardens: Remedy Saturdays, 10:30 p.m., free before II p.m., \$20.

U-Turn: The Screws, Full Minute of Mercury, The Unibombers, Burnin' Thousands. 10 p.m., \$7.

Velvet Lounge: The Nodd, Ape House, Sybris, Preston Clarke, Lejeune, IO p.m., \$8. Warehouse Next Door: Witch Hunt, Stations, An Alarm, Disease Called Man, A Warm Gun (Katrina benefit), 8:30 p.m., \$9. Zanzibar: "An International Affair," 9 p.m., \$15.

→ SUNDAY

Birchmere Music Hall: Barrage. 7:30 p.m., \$35.

Black Cat: Dungen, Mia Doi Todd, 8:30 p.m., \$13.

Blues Alley: Regina Belle, 8 & 10 p.m., \$35.

Crossroads: Capleton, IO p.m., \$25. DC9: The Makers, Greenland, Thomas Lunch, 9:30 p.m., \$10.

Five: Trade, 9 n.m.

Galaxy Hut: Visitations, Lou Black, 9:45 p.m., free.

Improv: Todd Barry, 8:00 p.m., \$15. Iota Club & Café: Desol, 3 p.m., \$12. The Billy Nayer Show, The Dudley Corporation, 8:30 p.m., \$12.

Jammin' Java: Robbie Schaefer Kids Show, 3 p.m., \$8.

Platinum: Platinum Sundays, 9 p.m., \$10-

State Theater: Capital Scene Rock for Relief Benefit Concert with Evenout. Barakus, Michael Jantz, Junkfood, Lloyd Dobler Effect, Viki Nova, Sharif, Wonderjack, 4 p.m., \$10 (100% of proceeds go to Red Cross Hurricane Katrina relief fund).

Velvet Lounge: Kaplana, Sordid Affair, 9 p.m., \$6.

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Anne C. Fisher Gallery: Curvaceous: a celebration of the curve. PostSecret: people share secrets anonymously, ongoing. 1054 31st St. NW; 202-625-7555.

Arlington Arts Center: Oil Painted Animations: Scott Hutchison's self-portraits, through Nov. 5. Opening reception Friday, 6-9 p.m. Other galleries offer six solo shows, through Nov. 5. 550 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.; 703-248-6800.

Conner Contemporary Art: Mary Coble: Note to Self, tattoo project in honor of GLBT hate-crime victims, through Oct. 22. Homo Bulla (Man Is a Bubble), digitally manipulated photos, through Oct. 22. 1730 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-588-8750.

Corcoran Gallery of Art: Loop: Jennifer Steinmkamn's video installations, through Sept. 30. Antoine Louis Barye Bronzes, through Oct. 23. William MaLeod: Painter and Curator, the Corcoran's first curator, through Nov. 6. Encouraging American Genius, the gallery's collection of pre-1945 paintings, through Jan. 2. 500 17th St. NW; 202-639-1700.

Creative Partners Gallery: The Trawick Prize, juried competition, through Sept. 30. 4600 East-West Highway, Bethesda; 301-951-9441.

Cultural Institute of Mexico: Mirrors: Contemporary Mexican Artists in the United States. 2829 I6th St. NW; 202-728-1628

Curator's Office: Symbioland: works by Jiha Moon, through Oct. 15. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-387-1008.

Flashpoint: Seth Adelsberger: Iconographic Sampler, through Oct. 22. 916 G St.: 202-315-1310.

Folger Shakespeare Library: Consuming Splendor: Luxury Goods in England (I580-I680), through Dec. 3I. 20I East Capitol St. NE: 202-544-4600.

Fraser Gallery Bethesda: Michael Spouse: Chapeau, through Oct. I2. 7700 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite E, Bethesda; 301-718-9651

Fraser Gallery Georgetown: Paintings by Zygimantas Augustinas. Opening reception on Friday, 6-9 p.m., through Oct. 19, 1054 31st St. NW: 202-298-6450.

LAST CHANCE Freer Gallery of Art/ Arthur M. Sackler Gallery: Pretty Women: Freer and the Ideal of Feminine Beauty, through Sept. 17. Chinese Mountain of Immortality, through Sept. 25. Rusticity Refined: Kyoto Ceramics by Nin

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sei, through Oct. 23, Games, Contests and Artful Play in Japan, through Oct. 23. Gold, the Asian Touch., Feb. 19, Perspectives: Mei Ling Hom, a site-specific installation, through March 5. Jefferson Drive & I2th Street SW: 202-633-4880.

FuseBox DC: Kendall Buster: Model City, a science-oriented installation, through Oct. 22. I4I2 I4th St. NW; 202-299-9220.

Gateway's Heliport Gallery: Telling Their Stories, through Nov 8. 800I Kennett St., Suite 3, Silver Spring: 301-562-1400

Goethe-Institute: Oskar Fischinger: Motion Paintings, the German-born pioneer of abstract animation, through Oct. 26, 812 7th St. NW: 202-289-1200.

Hemphill Fine Arts: Benee Stout's Fragments of a Secret Life, through Oct. 29. Joseph Mills: Anarch Angel, through Oct. 29. I5I5 I4th St. NW; 202-234-560I.

Hillwood Museum: Eva Zeisel: The Playful Search for Beauty, through Dec. 4. 1227 34th St. NW: 202-686-5807.

Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture

Garden: Directions - Janet Cardiff: Words Drawn in Water, through Oct. 30. Directions — Jim Hodges, through April I. 7th Street & Independence Avenue, SW: 202-633-1000.

International Visions: In Silence, silent auction and exhibit, through Oct. I. 629 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-234-5II2.

Irvine Contemporary: Nicholas Kahn and Richard Selesnick's The Apollo Prophecies: fantastic depictions of Edwardian space travel, through Oct. 22. I7IO Connecticut Ave. NW: 202-332-8767.

Kathleen Ewing Gallery: Athlete/ Warrior: photos of people at military academies in their martial and sporting garb, through Oct. 29. I609 Connecticut Ave. NW: 202-328-0955.

National Air and Space Museum: World War II Aviation, Golden Age of Flight, Beyond the Limits, many more. 4th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-357-2700.

National Building Museum: Jewish Washington: Scrapbook of an American Community, through Jan. 8. Tools of the Imagination: through Oct. 10. Investigating Where We Live: three District neighborhoods, through Oct. IO. Liquid Stone: New Architecture in Concrete, through Jan. 29. 40I F St. NW; 202-272-2448.

National Gallery of Art: Irving Penn: Platinum Prints, photographs by the American master, through Oct. 2, Origins of European Printmaking: I5th-Century Woodcuts and Their Public, through Nov. 27. Monumental Sculpture in Florence:

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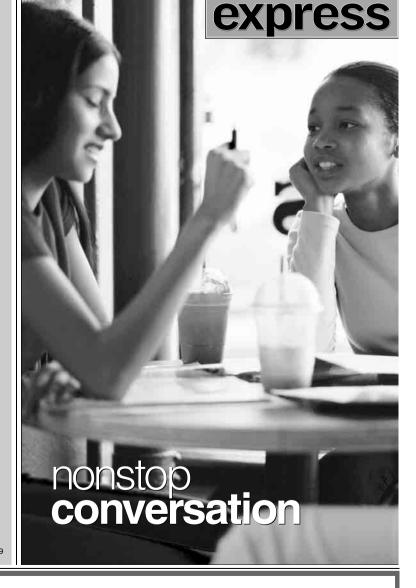
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National Geographic Society: Africa Megaflyover: aerial photos and more from biologist J. Michael Fay. through Oct. 30. 17th & M streets NW: 202-857-7588.

National Museum of African Art:

Where Gods and Mortals Meet: Continuity and Renewal in Urhobo Art, through Sept. 25. 950 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-4600

National Museum of American History: Selma to Montgomery: The 40th Anniversary of the Voting Rights March, through Sept. 27. Chasing Venus: Observing the traits of Venus, 1631-2004, through Sept. 30. Azucar! The Life and Music of Celia Cruz, through Oct. 30, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000.

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Medicine: The Human Body Revealed: images of its structure, through Sept. 30. This Dust Was Once the Man: artifacts of Lincoln, ongoing. Walter Reed Hospital, enter through Georgia Avenue and Elder Street Gate, NW (Building 54); 202-782-2200

National Museum of Women in the Arts: Women & Blues, through Sept. 25. Steven Scott's Collection, through Sept. 25. M.L. Van Nice: The Library at Wadi Ben Dagh, an installation of a bibliophile's imaginary library, through Nov. 6. I250 New York Ave. NW: 202-783-5000.

National Postal Museum: In the Line of Duty: Dangers, Disasters and Good Deeds, through Oct 7. 2 Massachusetts Ave. NE: 202-633-5555.

Numark Gallery: The Empire of Sighs, opening reception Fri. 6:30-8 p.m., through Oct. 29. 625-27 E St. NW; 202-628-3810.

Octagon Museum: The Initiated Eye: Waddell's paintings exploring Masonic symbolism in D,C., through Dec. 31. 1799 New York Ave. NW: 202-638-3221.

Provisions Library: India Unbound! Post-Colonial Visions in Art, Cinema and Social Activism, works in various media at various sites, through Oct. 27. 202-299-0460.

Pvramid Atlantic Art Center: Gibby Watson's Fibres of Memory, opening recention Sat 6-8 p.m., through Nov. 3. Liani Foster's prints on silk, opening reception Sat., 6-8 p.m., through Nov. 3. 8230 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring: 301-608-9101.



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Renwick Gallery: Modernism in American Silver, Sept. 16 through Jan. 22. Treasures From the Smithsonian American Art Museum, through Oct. 23. Pennsylvania Avenue & 17th Street NW: 202-633-2850

LAST CHANCE Textile Museum: Textiles for This World and Bevond: Treasures From Insular Southeast Asia. through Sent. 18. Silk & Leather: Splendid Attire of 19th-Century Central Asia, through Feb. 26. Gods and Empire: Huari Ceremonial Textiles, through Jan. 15. 2320 S St. NW: 202-667-0441

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Transformer Gallery: Jason Zimmerman: Fair Game, large-scale video projection by D.C.-based artist, through Oct. 15. 1404 P St. NW; 202-483-1102.

United States Botanic Garden: Pots: From Necessity to Artistry, through Oct. 17. A Place to Take Root, through Oct. 17. 100 Maryland Ave. SW: 202-225-8333.

Warehouse Theater: Where Is the Peace?, through Oct. 2. IO2I 7th St. NW; 202-783-3933.

Washington Printmakers Gallery:

Carolyn Pomponio's Interior Alternatives. through Oct. 2, 1732 Connecticut Ave. NW: 202-332-7757.

Zenith Gallery: Into the Minds of Nine; Food, Glorious Food, through Sept. 30. 413 7th St. NW: 202-783-2963.

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A Number: Caryl Churchill's new play about cloning, through Oct. 16, \$32-52. Studio Theatre, I50I I4th St. NW; 202-332-3300.

After Ashlev: A grieving teenager faces the media spotlight, through Oct. 9, \$30-\$48. Woolly Mammoth Theatre, 7th & D streets NW: 202-393-3939.

The Boys Next Door: Through Oct. 15, \$20, Clark St. Playhouse, 60I S. Clark St., Arlington; 202-669-7229.

Camille: Dumas' love story, through Oct. 9, \$25-\$50. Round House Theatre, 4545 East-West Highway, Bethesda; 240-644-II00.

THURSDAY ONLY Dracula: A National Players pay-what-you-can performance to benefit the Red Cross. Olney Theatre Center, 2001 Olney Sandy Spring Road, Olney, Md.; 30I-924-4485.

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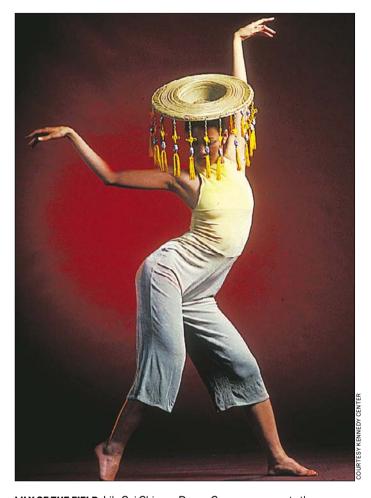
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Othello: Through Oct. 30, \$14.25-\$71.25. Shakespeare Theatre Company, 450 7th St. NW; 202-547-II22.

SATURDAY ONLY Partners Project: Together and Dancing: 25th anniversary benefit party and concert. \$100-\$150. Dance Place, 3225 8th St. NE; 202-269-1600.

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The Disputation: Theodore Bikel stars in the drama about Jews in medieval Spain. through Oct. 2, \$28-\$39. Theater J, I529 16th St. NW: 800-494-8497.

The Man Who Came to Dinner: the illtempered comedy, Sept. 16-Oct. 2, \$14. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theater, III Maryland Ave., Rockville: 240-314-8690.

The Sandstorm: Sean Huze's play about his experiences as a Marine in Iraq, through Sept. 25, \$25. Metro Stage, I20I N. Royal St., Alexandria; 703-548-9044.

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